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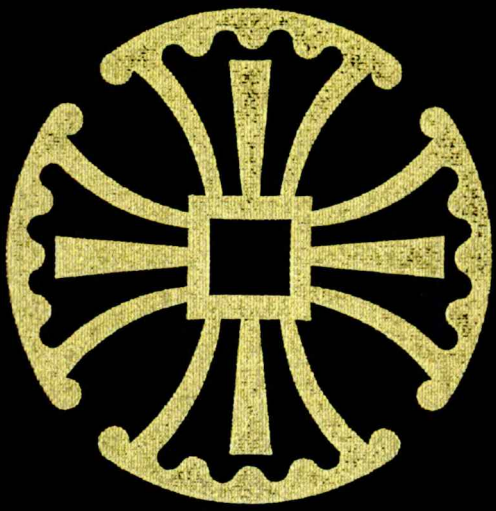

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The Anglican Service Book

A Traditional Language Adaptation of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer together with The Psalter or Psalms of David and Additional Devotions

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Foreword

The years since the first "trial use" liturgies of the Episcopal Church have seen great and diverse experimentation in the forms of worship used in this Church. Many people continue to express a heartfelt preference for "traditional language" in worship, the majesty of which speaks to the soul in a way in which modern English cannot.

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer emerged in the midst of the liturgical renewal movement which began early in the twentieth century and which produced the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. While the prayer books of the Anglican Communion from 1549 had already addressed many of the concerns of this movement (such as the use of the vernacular and a daily office for the use of all), the movement did have a profound effect on prayer book revision in this church. The 1979 BCP provides many welcome enrichments to the liturgical life of the church: Compline and the Proper Liturgies for Special Days to name but two.

Two thrusts of the liturgical reform movement have been to emphasize the truths of God's immanence and the importance of the corporate nature of worship; the use of modern, or common language has been a major part of this effort. To a certain degree, however, this has served to de-emphasize the transcendence of God and the importance of the individual relationship between creature and Creator (the call of the individual to holiness). The traditional liturgies of the Church seek to keep these forces in balance, and language plays an important role in this effort as well. For many churchmen, God remains "Thou", familiar, yet other - One who calls us out of our current condition and would raise us to new life in Christ Jesus.

The rubrics of the current prayer book provide for traditional language without providing all of the necessary texts: "In any of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days, and in

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other services contained in this Book celebrated in the context of a Rite One service, the contemporary idiom may be conformed to traditional language." and "When it is desired to use music composed for them, previously authorized liturgical texts may be used in place of the corresponding texts in this Book." (page 14, 1979 Book of Common Prayer). These rubrics cannot be followed without the use of "supplemental texts", as the traditional idiom involves more than substituting "thee" and "thou" when addressing God; syntax and cadence are also important. Since 1976, when the proposed book was issued, many parishes have sought to work within the confines of these rubrics, while not having the resources in one book to make this easily possible. Congregations have produced many photocopied drafts of service material and parishioners have had to juggle prayer books, parish mass books, and bulletin inserts. Needless to say, this has not made it easy for newcomers or regular members to follow services.

The purpose of this work is to facilitate corporate worship in the traditional idiom as provided for in the prayer book: it is a devotional enrichment in the tradition of the *Anglican* and *American* missals, and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book*. This book is principally designed to be a pew edition, although individuals will find it helpful in keeping the office and for devotions.

The Anglican Service Book is a compilation of material from a number of sources focused around the structure of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. It provides all Rite I services, together with rites, offices, and services in traditional language which appear solely in the modern idiom in the 1979 BCP. Additional supplementary service material, commonly used in many parishes, has been included, in the hope that this work might meet devotional needs which are not addressed in the prayer book. Brief essays on the sacraments and services of the Church have been placed before the rites as a teaching tool. The Psalter of the 1928 BCP has also been included to provide the texts in the traditional idiom.

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Throughout the book (except in *Additional Devotions*), material within a rite which is supplementary is delineated by a line along the left hand side of the page or by brackets and italics. In a few places, however, traditional forms of services have been substituted or added (e.g. Communion of the Sick and the Absolution of the Dead). Most of the supplementary material is from the 1928 and older editions of the Book of Common Prayer, *The Anglican Missal*, and *The American Missal*. Almost all of it is commonplace in the worship life of many parishes and is therefore included for their convenience. To facilitate corporate worship, effort has been made to make the services as easy to follow as possible and conventions such as bold-face type for all congregational responses have been adopted.

A few elements in the prayer book are beyond the scope of this project, specifically the Lectionary, the Ordination of a Bishop, and the Catechism. Other resources are available for those items, and hence they are not included here.

This project began at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, from the need to consolidate service material in a form which would be easy to follow. It quickly became apparent that there were many others in the Church who shared our need, and assistance has come from a number of sources ranging from the editorial advisory board to typesetting, proofreading, and bookkeeping. These contributions are gratefully acknowledged.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him." *Psalm 96:9*

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Rosemont, Pennsylvania
The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
1991

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The Calendar

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Concerning the Calendar

The Calendar of the Saints is a list of those holy men, women, and children whose lives the faithful are drawn to commemorate. A Saint is placed in the Calendar because he or she, by the grace of God, was made *holy*, a devout disciple of our Lord, of the kind that worshiped regularly, obeyed the Scriptures, and sought to lead the moral life of a Christian in witness to the risen Lord. Some gave their lives in witness to their faith. A Calendar should not include persons simply because of national importance or political prominence. Even notable good works are not a measure of holiness. To use the words of Mother Teresa, a Saint is a Christian who did ordinary things extraordinarily well.

The Calendar of *The Anglican Service Book* is structured around the prayer book Calendar of 1979 with the additions that are commonly followed in the Episcopal Church today. All commemorations in *Lesser Feasts & Fasts* are italicized. Additional Saints, commemorated in many places, have been added from other Anglican Calendars, as well as Calendars of various Western and Eastern Churches. Notable events in the life of Our Lord and his Church are also included. Some parishes and individuals may wish to add their own local commemorations.

For the most part, the Saints are celebrated on their "heavenly birthday," that is to say, the day of death; this has been the custom from the earliest days. In a few cases, where that day and the days near it are filled with more ancient or prominent observances, a translation day is kept. In rare cases, still another day is appointed, such as an ordination day.

This Calendar is put forth to provide the Church with a suitable plan for the faithful offering to God of the daily offices and the daily mass, and as a source for the spiritual growth of the faithful in Christ who are among the saints on earth, and members of his body.

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The Calendar of the Church Year

The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days: one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day.

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25.

The sequence of all Sundays of the Church Year depends upon the date of Easter Day. But the Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day, whether it occurs on a Sunday or a weekday. The date of Easter also determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday forty days after Easter Day.

1. Principal Feasts

The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:

Easter Day
Ascension Day
The Day of Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
All Saints' Day, *November 1*
Christmas Day, *December 25*
The Epiphany, *January 6*

These feasts take precedence of any other day or observance. All Saints' Day may always be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date.

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2. Sundays

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the dated days listed above, only the following feasts, appointed on fixed days, take precedence of a Sunday:

The Holy Name, *January 1*
The Presentation, *February 2*
The Transfiguration, *August 6*

The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter.

All other Feasts of our Lord, and all other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar, when they occur on a Sunday, are normally transferred to the first convenient open day within the week. When desired, however, the Collect, Preface, and one or more of the Lessons appointed for the Feast may be substituted for those of the Sunday, but not from the Last Sunday after Pentecost through the First Sunday after the Epiphany, or from the Last Sunday after the Epiphany through Trinity Sunday.

With the express permission of the bishop, and for urgent and sufficient reason, some other special occasion may be observed on a Sunday.

3. Holy Days

The following Holy Days are regularly observed throughout the year. Unless otherwise ordered in the preceding rules concerning Sundays, they have precedence over all other days of commemoration or of special observance:

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Other Feasts of our Lord

The Holy Name
The Presentation
The Annunciation
The Visitation
[Corpus Christi]
Saint John the Baptist
The Transfiguration
Holy Cross Day

Other Major Feasts

All feasts of Apostles
All feasts of Evangelists
Saint Stephen
The Holy Innocents
Saint Joseph
Saint Mary Magdalene
Saint Mary the Virgin
Saint Michael and All Angels
Saint James of Jerusalem
Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day

Fasts

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar are not observed on the days of Holy Week or of Easter Week. Major Feasts falling in these weeks are transferred to the week following the Second Sunday of Easter, in the order of their occurrence.

Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar do not take precedence of Ash Wednesday.

Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days, which fall upon or are transferred to a weekday, may be observed on any open day within the week. This provision does not apply to Christmas Day, the Epiphany, and All Saints' Day.

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4. Days of Special Devotion

The following days are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial:

Ash Wednesday and the other weekdays of Lent and of Holy Week, except the feast of the Annunciation.

Good Friday and all other Fridays of the year, in commemoration of the Lord's crucifixion, except for Fridays in the Christmas and Easter seasons, and any Feasts of our Lord which occur on a Friday.

5. Days of Optional Observance

Subject to the rules of precedence governing Principal Feasts, Sundays, and Holy Days, the following may be observed with the Collects, Psalms, and Lessons duly authorized by this Church:

Commemorations listed in the Calendar
Other Commemorations, using the Common of Saints
The Ember Days, traditionally observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays after the First Sunday in Lent, the Day of Pentecost, Holy Cross Day, and December 13
The Rogation days, traditionally observed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day
Various Occasions

Provided, that there is no celebration of the Eucharist for any such occasion on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; and provided further, that none of the Propers appointed for Various Occasions is used as a substitute for, or as an addition to, the Proper appointed for the Principal Feasts.

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January

1 *THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*
(The Feast of The Circumcision of Christ)
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6 *THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*
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9 *Julia Chester Emery, 1922*
10 *Bl. William Laud, Archbp. of Canterbury, B.M., 1645*
11
12 *St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abt.C., 1167*
13 *St. Hilary of Poitiers, B.C.D., 367*
14 St. Kentigern, B.C., 612
15 St. Paul of Thebes, First Hermit, C., c. 345
16
17 *St. Antony of Egypt, Abt.C, 356*
18 *CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE*
19 *St. Wulfstan, B.C., 1095*
20 *St. Fabian, B.M., 250*
21 *St. Agnes, V.M., 304*
22 *St. Vincent, Dn.M., 304*
23 *Phillips Brooks, Bp. of Massachusetts, 1893*
24 St. Francis de Sales, B.C.D., 1612
25 *CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE*
26 *St. Timothy, B.M. (& St. Titus), 1st cent. (see Feb. 6)*
27 *St. John Chrysostom, Patr. of Constantinople, B.C.D., 407*
28 *St. Thomas Aquinas, Pr.C.D., 1274*
29
30 Bl. Charles Stuart, K.M., 1649
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February

1 St. Bridget of Kildare, V.Abs., c. 523
2 *PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE* (or the Purification of the B.V.M., or Candlemas)
3 *St. Anskar, B.C., 865*
St. Blaise, B.M., 4th cent.
4 *St. Cornelius the Centurion (prob. B.) C., 1st cent.*
5 St. Agatha, V.M., c. 250
Martyrs of Japan, 1597
6 St. Titus, B.C., 1st cent. (see Jan. 26)
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10 St. Scholastica, V., 543
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12
13 *Absalom Jones, Pr. of Philadelphia, 1818*
14 *Ss. Cyril, Mk., & Methodius, B., CC., 9th cent.*
15 *Bl. Thomas Bray, Pr.C., 1730*
16
17
18 St. Simeon of Jerusalem, B.M., 1st cent.
19
20
21 St. Peter Damian, B.C.D., 1072
22 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch
23 *St. Polycarp, B.M., 156*
24 *SAINT MATTHIAS, Ap.M., 1st cent. (see May 14)*
25 St. Ethelbert, K.C., 616
26
27 *Bl. George Herbert, Pr.C., 1633*
28 St. Oswald of York, B.Abt., C., 992
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March

1 *St. David of Wales, B.C., 544*
2 *St. Chad, B.C., 672*
3 *John and Charles Wesley, Prr., 1791, 1788*
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7 *St. Perpetua, W.M. & Compp. MM., 202*
8 Bl. Edward King, of Lincoln, B.C., 1910
9 *St. Gregory of Nyssa, B.C., 394*
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12 *St. Gregory the Great, B.C.D., 604*
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17 *St. Patrick, B.C., c. 461*
18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, B.C.D., 386*
19 *SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B.V.M.*
20 *St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, B.C., 687*
21 *Bl. Thomas Ken, B.C., 1711*
22 *Bl. James DeKoven, Pr.C., 1879*
23 *St. Gregory the Illuminator, of Armenia, B.C., 332*
24 St. Gabriel the Archangel
25 *ANNUNCIATION OF THE B.V.M.*
26
27 *Charles Henry Brent, B.C., 1929*
28
29 *Bl. John Keble, Pr.C., 1866*
30
31 *Bl. John Donne, Pr.C., 1631*

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April

1 *Bl. Frederick Denison Maurice, Pr., 1872*
2 *Bl. James Lloyd Breck, Dn.C., 1876*
3 *St. Richard of Chicester, B.C., 1253*
4 St. Isidore of Seville, B.C.D., 636
5 St. Vincent Ferrer, Pr.C., 1419
6
7 St. John Baptiste de la Salle, C., 1719
8 *Bl. William Augustus Muhlenberg, Pr.C., 1877*
9 *Bl. William Law, Pr.C., 1761*
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11 *Bl. George Augustus Selwyn, B.C., 1878*
12 St. Zeno of Verona, B.C., 371
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19 *St. Alphege, Archbp. of Canterbury, B.M., 1012*
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21 *St. Anselm, B.C.D., 1109*
22
23 St. George, M. 303
24 St. Mellitus, First B. of London, B.C., 624
25 *SAINT MARK, Ev.M.*
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29 *St. Catherine of Siena, V.D., 1380*
30 Ss. Abtt. of Cluny, 10-11th cent.

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May

1 *SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, App. Mm., 1st cent.*
2 *St. Athanasius, B.C.D., 373*
3 Finding of the Holy Cross, 335
4 *St. Monnica, W., 387*
5 Conversion of St. Augustine
6 St. John Before the Latin Gate
7 St. John of Beverley, B.C., 721
8 *Bl. Dame Julian of Norwich, V., c. 1417*
9 *St. Gregory of Nazianzus, B.C.D., 389*
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14 St. Pachomius, Abt.C., 346
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19 *St. Dunstan, Archbp. Canterbury, B.C., 988*
20 *St. Alcuin, Dn.Abt.C., 804*
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23 St. Vincent of Lerins, Pr.C., 450
24 *Bl. Jackson Kemper, B.C., 1870*
25 *Venerable St. Bede, Pr.C.D., 735*
26 *St. Augustine of Canterbury, B. C., 605*
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31 *VISITATION OF THE B.V.M.*

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June

1 *St. Justin, M., c. 167*
2 *Martyrs of Lyons, 177*
3 *Martyrs of Uganda, 1886*
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5 *St. Boniface of Mainz, B.M., 754*
6 St. Norbert, Archbp. of Magdeburg, B.C., 1134
7
8 St. William, Archbp. of York, B.C., 1154
9 *St. Columba of Iona, Abt.C., 597*
10 *St. Ephrem of Edessa, Dn.C.D., 373*
11 *SAINT BARNABAS, Ap.M., 1st cent.*
12
13 St. Antony of Padua, Pr.C.D., 1231
14 *St. Basil the Great, B.C.D., 379*
15 Bl. Evelyn Underhill, Mat., 1941
16 *Bl. Joseph Butler, B.C., 1752*
17
18 *Bl. Bernard Mizeki, Catechist M., 1896*
19
20 Trans. St. Edward, K.M., 980
21
22 *St. Alban, Protomartyr of England, 209*
23 St. Etheldreda, Q.V.Abs., 679
24 *NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST*
25
26
27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, B.C.D., 444
28 *St. Irenaeus of Lyons, B.M., 202*
29 *SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, App.MM., 1st cent.*
30 Protomartyrs of the Church of Rome, 1st cent.

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July

1 Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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4 *INDEPENDENCE DAY, 1776*
5 St. Vladimir of Kiev, K.C., 1015
6 St. Sexburga, Q.W.Abs., 679
7 St. Paladius, Apostle of Ireland, B.C., 5th cent.
8 Ss. Aquila, C., & Priscilla, Mat., 1st cent.
9
10
11 *St. Benedict, Abt. of Monte Casino, C., c. 540*
12
13 St. Silas, M., 1st cent.
14 St. Bonaventure, B.C.D., 1274
15 Trans. St. Swithun, B.C., 862
16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17 *William White, Bp. of Pennsylvania, 1836*
18
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22 *SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, Penit., 1st cent.*
23
24 *Bl. Thomas a Kempis, Pr.C., 1471*
25 *SAINT JAMES THE GREAT, Ap.M., 44*
26 *Parents of B.V.M. (Ss. Joachim & Anne), 1st cent.*
27 *Bl. William Reed Huntington, Pr.C., 1909*
28 St. Samson of Dol, B.Abt.C., 565
29 *Ss. Martha & Mary of Bethany, VV., 1st cent.*
30 *Bl. William Wilberforce, C., 1833*
31 *St. Joseph of Arimathea, C., 1st cent.*

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August

1 St. Peter's Chains
(Lammas Day)
2
3 St. Nicodemus, C., 1st cent.
4 St. John Vianney, Pr.C., 1859
5 St. Oswald of Northumbria, K.M., 642
6 *TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*
7 *Bl. John Mason Neale, Pr.C., 1866*
8 *St. Dominic, Pr.C., 1221*
9
10 *St. Laurence of Rome, Dn.M., 258*
11 *St. Clare of Assisi, V.Abs., 1253*
12 St. Hippolytus, B.M., 235
13 *Bl. Jeremy Taylor, B.C.D., 1667*
14 Bl. Maximillian Kolbe, Pr.M., 1941
15 *B.V.M. IN GLORY (or Assumption)*
16 St. Stephen of Hungary, K.C., 1038
17
18 St. Helena, Q.W., 330
Bl. William Porcher DuBose, Pr., 1918
19
20 *St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abt. C.D., 1153*
21 St. Abraham of Smolensk, Pr. Abt.C., 1221
22 Queenship B.V.M.
23 St. Rose of Lima, V., 1617
24 *SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Ap.M., 1st cent.*
25 *St. Louis of France, K.C., 1270*
26
27 *Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle, Prr., 1902, 1890*
28 *St. Augustine of Hippo, B.C.D., 430*
29 BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, 1st cent.
30 Bl. Charles Chapman Grafton, B.C., 1912
31 *St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, B.C., 651*

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September

1 St. Giles, Abt.C., c. 708
Bl. David Pendleton Oakerhater, Dn.C., 1931
2 *Martrys of New Guinea, 1942*
3 St. Phoebe, V.Dns., 1st cent.
4
5 Ss. Boris & Gleb (Romanus & David), Princes MM., 1015
6
7
8 NATIVITY OF B.V.M.
9 Bl. Constance of Memphis, V. & Compp. MM., 1878
10
11
12 *Bl. John Henry Hobart, B.C., 1830*
13 *St. Cyprian of Carthage, B.M., 258*
14 *EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*
15 Seven Sorrows of the B.V.M.
16 *St. Ninian, B.C., c. 430*
17 St. Lambert of Maastricht, B.M., c. 705
18 *Bl. Edward Bouverie Pusey, Pr.C., 1882*
19 *St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbp. of Canterbury, B.C., 690*
20 *Bl. John Coleridge Patteson, B. of Melanesia, M., & Compp. MM., 1871*
21 *SAINT MATTHEW, Ap.Ev.M., 1st cent.*
22
23
24
25 *St. Sergius of Moscow, Abt.C., 1392*
26 *Bl. Lancelot Andrewes of Winchester, B.C., 1626*
27 St. Vincent de Paul, Pr.C., 1660
28 St. Wenceslaus of Bohemia, Duke M., 929
St. Lioba of Bischofsheim, V.Abs., 782
29 *SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS*
30 *St. Jerome, Pr.C.D., 420*

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October

1 *Bl. Remigius, Apostle of the Franks, B.C., c. 530*
2 Holy Guardian Angels
3 St. Therese of Lisieux, V., 1897
4 *St. Francis of Assisi, C., 1226*
5
6 St. Bruno, Pr.Abt.C., 1101
William Tyndale, Pr., 1536
7 Holy Rosary B.V.M.
8
9 *Bl. Robert Grosseteste, B.C., 1253*
10 St. Paulinus of York, B.C., 644
11 Motherhood of the B.V.M.
St. Philip the Evangelist, Dn.C., 1st cent.
12 St. Wilfred, B.C., 709
13 Trans. St. Edward, K.C.
14 St. Teresa of Avila, V.D., 1582 (from Oct. 15th)
15 Our Lady of Walsingham
Bl. Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, B.C., 1906
16 St. Gall, Her. C., 630
H. Latimer, B., 1555; N. Ridley, B., 1555; T. Cranmer, Archbp., 1556
17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, B.M., c. 115*
St. Frideswide of Oxford, V.Abs., 735
18 *SAINT LUKE, Ev.M., 1st cent.*
19 *Bl. Henry Martyn, Pr.C., 1812*
20
21
22
23 *SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM, "THE JUST", KINSMAN OF OUR LORD, B.M., c. 62*
24 St. Raphael the Archangel
25
26 *St. Alfred, K.C., 899*

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28 *SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, App.MM., 1st cent.*
29 *Bl. James Hannington, B.M. & Compp.MM., 1885*
30
31 Vigil of All Saints

November

1 *ALL SAINTS' DAY*
2 *All Souls' Day*
3 *Bl. Richard Hooker, Pr.C.D., 1600*
4 St. Charles Borromeo, Archbp. of Milan, B.C., 1584
5 Ss. Elizabeth, Mat., & Zechariah, C., 1st cent.
6
7 *St. Willibrord, Apostle of Frisia, B.C., 739*
8 Saints & Martrys of the Anglican Communion
9
10 *St. Leo the Great, B.C.D., 461*
11 *St. Martin of Tours, B.C., 397*
12 *Bl. Charles Simeon, Pr.C., 1836*
13
14 *Bestowal of the American Episcopate, 1784*
15 St. Albert the Great, B.C.D., 1280
16 *St. Margaret of Scotland, Q.W., 1093*
17 *St. Hugh of Lincoln, B.C., 1200*
18 *St. Hilda of Whitby, V.Abs., 680*
19 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Q.W., 1231*
20 St. Edmund, King of East Anglia, M., 870
21 Presentation B.V.M.
22 St. Cecilia, V.M., c. 230
23 *St. Clement of Rome, B.M., c. 100*
24
25 Bl. James Otis Sargent Huntington, Pr.Abt.C., 1935
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27
28 *Bl. Emma of Hawaii, Q.W., 1885*
29
30 *SAINT ANDREW, Ap.M.*

December

1 *Bl. Nicholas Ferrar, Dn.C., & Compp., 1637*
2 *Channing Moore Williams, B., 1910*
3 St. Francis Xavier, Pr.C., 1552
4 *St. John of Damascus, Pr.C.D., c. 760*
5 *St. Clement of Alexandria, Pr.C.D., c. 210*
6 *St. Nicholas of Myra, B.C., c. 342*
7 *St. Ambrose of Milan, B.C.D., 397*
8 CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.
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11
12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, W., 1641
13 St. Lucy of Syracuse, V.M., 304
14 St. John of the Cross, Pr.C.D., 1591
15
16 O Sapientia
17 Raising of St. Lazarus, C., 1st cent. (or Sept. 2)
18
19
20
21 *SAINT THOMAS, Ap.M., 1st cent.*
22
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24
25 *NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Christmas)*
26 *SAINT STEPHEN, Dn.M., 1st cent.*
27 *SAINT JOHN, Ap.Ev., 1st cent.*

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28 *HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs, 1st cent.*
29 St. Thomas of Canterbury, B.M., 1170
30 Bl. Josephine Elizabeth Butler, Mat., 1906
31 St. Sylvester, B.C., 335

Note: The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ is observed on the First Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. The Feast of Corpus Christi is observed on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday; the Feast of the Sacred Heart is observed on the Friday of the following week.

Key to Abbreviations

Abs.	abbess
Abt.	abbot
Ap.	Apostle
Archbp.	Archbishop
B.	Bishop
B.V.M.	Blessed Virgin Mary
C.	Confessor
Compp.	Companions
D.	Doctor
Dn.	Deacon
Dns.	Deaconess
Ev.	Evangelist
Her.	Hermit
K.	King
M.	Martyr
MM.	Martyrs
Mat.	Matron
Pr.	Priest
Q.	Queen
V.	Virgin
W.	Widow

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The Daily Office

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History

From the beginning, the worship of the people of God has been not just a weekly, but a daily affair. The sanctification of time by acts of prayer and praise at specific times during the day was a practice of venerable age at the beginning of the Christian era, and one can find clear indications of it in the Scriptures of the Old as well as of the New Testament. The writings of the early Fathers of the Church bear abundant witness to the keeping of hours of prayer, both privately and corporately.

Initially, the Daily Office consisted simply of morning and evening prayers, together with the reading of Scripture and portions of the Psalter. As the monastic movement began to gain influence, the Daily Office became more complex, even in parish and cathedral churches. This is not unnatural, given the fact that major churches were frequently, even typically, served by monastic or other regular communities whose members were obliged to say all the offices. (In the classical form, there are seven day offices - Matins, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers, and Compline - and one night office - Vigils.) Over a period of time, the offices became increasingly complicated. This increased complexity, combined with the abandonment of the vernacular tongue in public prayer, made it exceedingly difficult for ordinary men and women to participate in the daily prayer of the Church.

One of the beneficial effects of the Reformation in England was a deliberate effort to simplify the Daily Office so that both

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clergy and laity could participate in its offering. Morning Prayer was based upon the Medieval office of Matins together with elements from Prime. Evening Prayer was, in its essence, a combination of Vespers and Compline. But the Office as a whole was revised around the importance of regular recitation of the Psalter, reading of the whole of Scripture, and set prayer. This gives the Anglican Office its distinctive character. In more recent times, Sext (Noonday Prayer) and Compline have been restored for optional use in various Anglican Prayer Books, such as the American Book of 1979.

By Scriptural example and ancient canonical precept, the clergy are obliged to recite the Office every day, and it is the clear intent of every Anglican prayer book since 1549 that the Office be a *daily* Office. Local modifications of this precept (such as the implied permission in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* to use only one office in the day) do not overthrow the principle that the recitation should be daily. The establishment of a regular schedule of publicly offered daily offices is an essential element to the fullness of parochial life for the laity as well as the clergy.

Purpose

The purpose of the Daily Office is two-fold: First, it serves to sanctify time, or perhaps more accurately, to remind us in the time it takes for our offering of the office that all time is sacred, since all time belongs to God. Herein is embodied the same principle that lies behind the stewardship of our material resources: All that we have belongs to God, and we render a portion of it to him in sacrificial remembrance of that fact. The consequence of the faithful rendering of this service is the fulfillment of the second purpose of the Daily Office, which is the sanctification, both of those who pray it, and of the Church for which they pray.

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The Order for Daily Morning Prayer

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the versicle "O Lord, open thou our lips" on page 38.

Advent

Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. *Mark 13:35, 36.*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Christmas

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

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Epiphany

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Lent

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

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Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Holy Week

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me. *Lamentations 1:12*

Easter Season, including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. *Hebrews 9:24*

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Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Trinity Sunday

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world. *Psalm 19:4*

Occasions of Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done. *Psalm 105:1*

At any Time

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

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I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. *John 4:23*

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." *Isaiah 57:15*

The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O Lord, open thou our lips."

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth

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his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done [*and there is no health in us*].
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us [*miserable offenders*],
spare thou those [*O God*] who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

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The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

Here may be added the Lord's Prayer.

All stand

Officiant ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
People **As it was in the beginning,**
is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

or, except in Lent, all may say,
Alleluia.

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.

One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm

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In Advent

Our King and Savior draweth nigh:
O come, let us adore him.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory:
O come, let us adore him.

In Lent

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
O come, let us adore him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascendeth into heaven:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

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On the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. The spirit of the Lord filleth the world:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God:
O come, let us adore him.

On other Sundays and Weekdays

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:
O come, let us adore him.

or this

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
O come, let us adore him.

or this

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
O come, let us adore him.

The Alleluias in the following Antiphons are used only in the Easter Season.

On Feasts of the Incarnation

(Alleluia.) The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
O come, let us adore him. (Alleluia.)

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On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

(Alleluia.) The Lord is glorious in his saints:
O come, let us adore him. (Alleluia.)

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;*
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

or Psalm 95, page 559, especially suitable during Lent.

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Jubilate *Psalm 100*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;*
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the following is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.

Pascha nostrum *I Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; I Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.

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For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed
unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia

Christ is risen from the dead *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Then shall be sung or said the Psalm or Psalms appointed.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read the Lesson or Lessons, as appointed, the reader first saying,

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

or

Here beginneth the _____verse of the
_____chapter of (*the Book of*)_____.

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After each Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or Here endeth the (*First* or *Second*) Lesson.

After each Lesson, one of the following canticles is sung or said.

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

I O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

II **O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; ***
O ye waters that be above the firmament,
bless ye the Lord;
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

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O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

III O let the earth bless the Lord; *
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the waters,
bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; *
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

IV **O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; ***
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

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Benedictus es, Domine

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Benedictus Dominus Deus *Luke 1:68-79*

Antiphons for major Holy Days may be found on page 668.

✠ **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, ***
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;

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To perform the oath which he sware to our
forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Te Deum laudamus

We praise thee, O God; *
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, *
the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, *
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim *
continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; *
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

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The glorious company of the apostles praise thee: *
the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee: *
the holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son, *
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ: *
thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, *
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, *
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, *
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge: *
we therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, *
in glory everlasting.

Here may be added

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
R. **Govern them and lift them up for ever.**
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. **And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. **As our trust is in thee.**
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. **Let me never be confounded.**

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The Apostles' Creed

Then, standing, all shall say

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The People kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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The Officiant and People then say together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then follow the Suffrages

A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

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B *The versicles and responses at the conclusion of the Te Deum may be used as suffrages if desired.*

C

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. O Lord, save the State.
R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. O Lord, save thy people.
R. **And bless thine inheritance.**
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R. **For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.** *or* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect(s) of the Day

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

The following, or other additional collects may be added, if desired.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world didst rest from all thy works and sanctify a day of rest for all thy

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creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of thy sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to thy people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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or the following

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: so clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.
Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,

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and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Officiant says the following
(or, if desired, the grace may be said here)

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant then concludes with one of the following

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

The Officiant may add

✠ May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

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Additional Canticles

These canticles may be used, if desired, in the place of the traditional canticles at Morning Prayer.

Cantemus Domino

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18
Especially suitable for use in the Easter Season

I will sing unto the Lord,
for he hath triumphed gloriously; *
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and song, *
and he is become my salvation:
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; *
my father's God and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a man of war: *
the Lord is his name.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: *
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
The depths have covered them: *
they sank into the bottom as a stone.
Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: *
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like thee, glorious in holiness,
fearful in praises, doing wonders?
Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, *
the earth swallowed them.
Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people
which thou hast redeemed: *
thou hast guided them in thy strength
unto thy holy habitation.

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Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them *
in the mountain of thine inheritance,
In the place, O Lord, which thou hast
made for thee to dwell in; *
in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Ecce, Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

Behold, God is my salvation; *
I will trust, and not be afraid:
For the Lord God is my strength and my song; *
he also is become my salvation.
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water *
out of the wells of salvation.
And in that day shall ye say, *
Praise the Lord, call upon his Name,
Declare his doings among the people, *
make mention that his name is exalted.
Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: *
this is known in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: *
for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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Quaerite Dominum

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, *
call ye upon him while he is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way, *
and the unrighteous man his thoughts:
And let him return unto the Lord,
and he will have mercy upon him; *
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, *
and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth,
And maketh it bring forth and bud, *
that it may give seed to the sower,
and bread to the eater:
So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: *
it shall not return unto me void,
But it shall accomplish that which I please, *
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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Surge, illuminare

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, *
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, *
and gross darkness the people:
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, *
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, *
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; *
they shall not be shut day nor night.
They shall call thee, The city of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, *
wasting nor destruction within thy borders;
But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, *
and thy gates Praise.
The sun shall be no more thy light by day; *
neither for brightness shall the moon
give light unto thee:
But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, *
and thy God thy glory.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Kyrie Pantokrator

Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15
Especially suitable in Lent, and on other penitential occasions

O Lord, Almighty God of our fathers, *
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed;

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Who hast made heaven and earth, *
with all the ornament thereof;
Whom all men fear, *
and tremble before thy power;
But thy merciful promise *
is unmeasurable and unsearchable;
For thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion,
long-suffering, very merciful, *
and repentest of the evils of men.
Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness
hast promised repentence and forgiveness *
to them that have sinned against thee.
And of thine infinite mercies
hast appointed repentence unto sinners, *
that they may be saved.
Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, *
beseeching thee of grace.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I acknowledge mine iniquities:
Wherefore I humbly beseech thee, forgive me,
O Lord, forgive me *
and destroy me not with mine iniquities.
Be not angry with me forever, by reserving evil for me; *
neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth.
For thou art the God, even the God of them that repent; *
and in me thou wilt show all thy goodness:
For thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, *
according to thy great mercy.
Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: *
for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee,
And thine is the glory *
for ever and ever. Amen.

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Dignus es

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10a, 13b

Thou art worthy, O Lord, *
to receive glory and honor and power:
For thou hast created all things, *
and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
Thou art worthy, O Lamb that wast slain, *
and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood
Out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; *
and hast made us unto our God kings and priests.
Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power *
be unto him that sitteth upon the throne
And unto the Lamb *
for ever and ever.

Magna et mirabilia

Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvellous are thy works, *
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are thy ways, *
Thou King of saints.
Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy Name? *
For thou only art holy:
For all nations shall come and worship before thee; *
for thy judgments are made manifest.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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The Order for Noonday Prayer

Officiant ✠ O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
People **As it was in the beginning,**
is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

or, except in Lent, all may say,
Alleluia.

One or more of the following Psalms is sung or said.

Psalm 119: xiv. *Lucerna pedibus meis*

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, *
and a light unto my paths.
I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed, *
to keep thy righteous judgments.
I am troubled above measure: *
quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.
Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord; *
and teach me thy judgments.
My soul is alway in my hand; *
yet do I not forget thy law.
The ungodly have laid a snare for me; *
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

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Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; *
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill thy statutes alway, *
even unto the end.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; *
from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord, *
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; *
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper; *
the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; *
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, *
then were we like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with joy.
Then said they among the heathen, *
the Lord hath done great things for them.

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Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already; *
whereof we rejoice.
Turn our captivity, O Lord, *
as the rivers in the south.
They that sow in tears *
shall reap in joy.
He that now goeth on his way weeping,
and beareth forth good seed, *
shall doubtless come again with joy,
and bring his sheaves with him.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Cor. 5:17-18

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

People **Thanks be to God.**

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The Officiant begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;
People **And let our cry come unto thee.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following, or, if desired, the Collect of the Day.

Blessed Savior, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching out thy loving arms: grant that all the nations of the earth may look unto thee and be saved; for thy tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at noonday didst call thy servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray thee to illumine the world with the radiance of thy glory, that all nations may come and worship thee; for thou livest and reignest for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Gracious heavenly Father, we beseech thee to send thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us in accordance with thy will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into thy truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant may add

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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The Order for Daily Evening Prayer

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of the following sentences of Scripture, or one of those on pages 32-36;

or with the versicle "O Lord, open thou our lips" on page 71.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96:9*

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

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If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O Lord, open thou our lips."

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

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or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done [*and there is no health in us*].
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us [*miserable offenders*],
spare thou those [*O God*] who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

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Here may be added the Lord's Prayer.

All stand.

Officiant ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant ✠ O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
People **As it was in the beginning, is now,**
and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

or, except in Lent, all may say,
Alleluia.

One of the following, or some other suitable hymn, or Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said

Phos hilaron

O Gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Thou art worthy at all times
to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Hail, gladdening Light

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!
Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

c. 3rd cent., trans. Bl. J. Keble

Then shall be sung or said the Psalm or Psalms appointed.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read the First Lesson, as appointed, the reader first saying,

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A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

or

Here beginneth the _____verse of the _____chapter of (*the Book of*)_____.

After the lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or Here endeth the (First) Lesson.

After the Lesson the following canticle is sung or said.
Antiphons for major Holy Days begin on page 672.

Magnificat *St. Luke 1:46-55*

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.

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He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read the Second Lesson, as appointed.

After the Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or Here endeth the (Second) Lesson.

After the Lesson the following canticle is sung or said

Nunc dimittis *St. Luke 2: 29-32*

✠ **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, ***
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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The Apostles' Creed

Then, standing, all shall say

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
✠ **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The People kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**

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V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace
and goodwill,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins
and offenses,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the
Communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Blessed
*N.*_____), and all thy saints, entrusting one another
and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

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V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. O Lord, save the State.
R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. O Lord, save thy people.
R. **And bless thine inheritance.**
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R. **For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.** *or* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect(s) of the Day

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem. The traditional Marian anthems may be found on pages 730-732.

The following, or other additional collects may be added, if desired

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that city of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Fridays

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

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A Collect for Saturdays

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Protection

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. Amen.

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and all thy people everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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or the following

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

or this

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. The Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Men is on page 634.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;

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but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Then the Officiant says (or if desired, the Grace may be said here)

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Officiant	Let us bless the Lord.
People	**Thanks be to God.**

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From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.

The Officiant then concludes with one of the following

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3: 20, 21.*

The Officiant may add

✠ May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

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The Order for Compline

The Officiant begins

✠ The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Brethren: Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against thee,
through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
and in those things which we have left undone.
(*For these offenses we are truly sorry and we humbly repent.*)
For the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;

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and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us ✠ forgiveness of all our sins, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Officiant then says

✠ O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
People **As it was in the beginning,**
is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

or, except in Lent, all may say,
Alleluia

One or more of the following Psalms are sung or said.

Psalm 4 *Cum invocarem*

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: *
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor, *
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

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Know this also, that the Lord has chosen unto himself the man that is godly; *
when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.
Stand in awe, and sin not; *
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, *
and put your trust in the Lord.
There be many that say, *
Who will show us any good?
Lord, lift thou up *
the light of thy countenance upon us.
Thou hast put gladness in my heart; *
yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; *
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; *
deliver me in thy righteousness.
Bow down thine ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
And be thou my strong rock, and house of defense, *
that thou mayest save me.
For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: *
be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.
Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; *
for thou art my strength.
Into thy hands I commend my spirit; *
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

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Psalm 91 *Qui habitat*

Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High, *
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say unto the Lord,
Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; *
my God, in him will I trust.
For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, *
and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; *
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, *
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, *
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
A thousand shall fall beside thee,
and ten-thousand at thy right hand; *
but it shall not come nigh thee.
Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, *
and see the reward of the ungodly.
For thou, Lord, art my hope; *
thou hast set thine house of defense very high.
There shall no evil happen unto thee, *
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee, *
to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee in their hands, *
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: *
the young lion and the dragon
shalt thou tread under thy feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

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He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; *
yea, I am with him in trouble;
I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134 *Ecce nunc*

Behold now, praise the Lord, *
all ye servants of the Lord;
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, *
even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, *
and praise the Lord.
The Lord that made heaven and earth *
give thee blessing out of Zion.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

The following, or some other suitable passage of scripture, is read

Thou, Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name; leave us not, O Lord, our God. *Jeremiah 14:9*

People **Thanks be to God.**

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The following, or another hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

Te lucis ante terminum

To thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with thy wonted favor, thou
Would'st he our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son.
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Latin, c. 7th cent.

Then follows

V. Into thy hands I commend my spirit.
R. **For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.**
V. Keep me as an apple of an eye;
R. **Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.**

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. **Christ have mercy upon us.**
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Officiant O Lord, hear my prayer;
People **And let my cry come unto thee.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says the following, or some other suitable collect.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation: Drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and let thy blessing be ever upon us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept. Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The service concludes with the following Antiphon and Nunc dimittis, which is sung or said by all.

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Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; *
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; *
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

In Easter Season, add **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

The traditional Marian anthems may be found on pages 730-732.

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The Collects

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The Collects for the Church Year

The Collects comprise a set form of prayer which bring together or "collect" our thoughts on a matter, concentrating our minds on a particular desire or intention, be it stewardship, peace, guidance, adoration, thanksgiving for the life of a saint, or any other matter. The Collect for the Day sets the emphasis for the prayers and liturgy of the day. Many of these prayers are very ancient and are among the great devotional riches of our heritage.

In form, collects address God by calling to mind some aspect of His Being, offer petition or petitions for a stated need, and conclude with a clause acknowledging the mediatorial role of Jesus Christ who is known through the eternal activity of the Blessed Trinity.

First Sunday of Advent

This Collect may be said every day in Advent, following the Collect appointed for the day.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

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Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional winter Ember days.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

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The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day *December 25*

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

or the following

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

or this

Almighty God, who hast given us thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Incarnation

The Collect immediately preceding and any of the sets of Proper Lessons for Christmas Day serve for any weekdays between Holy Innocents' Day and the First Sunday after Christmas Day.

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First Sunday after Christmas Day

This Sunday takes precedence over the three Holy Days which follow Christmas Day. As necessary, the observance of one, two, or all three of them, is postponed one day.

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Incarnation

The Holy Name *January 1*

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of the Incarnation

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Incarnation

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The Epiphany *January 6*

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thine only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

The preceding Collect, with the Psalm and Lessons for the Epiphany, or those for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day, serves for weekdays between the Epiphany and the following Sunday. The Preface of the Epiphany is used.

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee

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and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

O most loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee who carest for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany, or of the Lord's Day

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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

This Proper is always used on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday

O God, who before the passion of thine only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

Ash Wednesday

The Proper Liturgy for this day is on page 164.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

This Collect, with the corresponding Psalm and Lessons, serves for the weekdays which follow, except as otherwise appointed, and may be used every day of Lent following the Collect appointed for the day.

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First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional spring Ember Days.

Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

Fifth Sunday in Lent

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Lent

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Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Proper Liturgy for this day is on page 171. This Collect may be said every day, after the Collect appointed for the day, until Good Friday.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

Tuesday in Holy Week

O God, who by the passion of thy blessed Son didst make an instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of thy Son our Savior Jesus

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Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

Wednesday in Holy Week

O Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

The Proper Liturgy for this day is on page 176.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Week

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Good Friday

The proper Liturgy for this day is on page 181.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Holy Saturday

The Proper Liturgy for this day is on page 196.

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Easter Day

The Liturgy of the Easter Vigil is on page 198.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or this

This Collect may be said daily throughout the Easter season.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Monday in Easter Week

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

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Tuesday in Easter Week

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Wednesday in Easter Week

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Thursday in Easter Week

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

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Friday in Easter Week

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Saturday in Easter Week

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for that thou hast delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and hast brought us into the kingdom of thy Son; and we pray thee that, as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to joys eternal; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

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Third Sunday of Easter

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above

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all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Easter

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week are the traditional Rogation Days.

Ascension Day

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

or this

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one god, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Ascension

Either of the preceding Collects, with the proper Psalm and Lessons for Ascension Day, serves for the following weekdays, except as otherwise appointed.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Ascension

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or this

O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of Pentecost

On the weekdays which follow, the numbered Proper which corresponds most closely to the date of Pentecost in that year is used.

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Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are the traditional summer Ember Days.

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

This Collect is also suitable for use on Mondays.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

On the weekdays following, the numbered Proper which corresponds most closely to the date of Trinity Sunday in that year is used. The Feast of Corpus Christi is Thursday of this week.

The Season after Pentecost

Proper 1 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 11*

Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

No Proper Preface is used.

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Proper 2 *Week of the Sunday closest to May 18*

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may with free hearts accomplish those things which belong to thy purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

No Proper Preface is used.

Proper 3 *The Sunday closest to May 25*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by thy providence, and that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 4 *The Sunday closest to June 1*

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 5 *The Sunday closest to June 8*

O God, from whom all good doth come: Grant that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy

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merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 6 *The Sunday closest to June 15*

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 7 *The Sunday closest to June 22*

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

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Proper 8 *The Sunday closest to June 29*

This Collect is also suitable for use on Wednesdays in votive masses of All the Holy Apostles.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 9 *The Sunday closest to July 6*

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 10 *The Sunday closest to July 13*

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

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Proper 11 *The Sunday closest to July 20*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 12 *The Sunday closest to July 27*

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 13 *The Sunday closest to August 3*

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

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Proper 14 *The Sunday closest to August 10*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 15 *The Sunday closest to August 17*

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 16 *The Sunday closest to August 24*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 17 *The Sunday closest to August 31*

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and

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bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 18 *The Sunday closest to September 7*

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 19 *The Sunday closest to September 14*

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

The Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after September 14 are the traditional autumn Ember Days.

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Proper 20 *The Sunday closest to September 21*

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 21 *The Sunday closest to September 28*

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 22 *The Sunday closest to October 5*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

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Proper 23 *The Sunday closest to October 12*

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 24 *The Sunday closest to October 19*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 25 *The Sunday closest to October 26*

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

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Proper 26 *The Sunday closest to November 2*

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may run without stumbling to obtain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 27 *The Sunday closest to November 9*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

Proper 28 *The Sunday closest to November 16*

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Lord's Day

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Proper 29 *The Sunday closest to November 23*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of (Christ the King,) the Lord's Day, or of Baptism

Holy Days

Saint Andrew *November 30*

Almighty God, who didst give such grace to thine apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of thy Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give unto us, who are called by thy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

Saint Thomas *December 21*

Everliving God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

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Saint Stephen *December 26*

We give thee thanks, O Lord of Glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to thy Son Jesus Christ, who standeth at thy right hand; where he liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of the Incarnation

Saint John *December 27*

Shed upon thy Church, we beseech thee, O Lord, the brightness of thy light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of thine apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that we may at length attain to the fullness of life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Incarnation

The Holy Innocents *December 28*

We remember this day, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by the order of King Herod. Receive, we beseech thee, into the arms of thy mercy all innocent victims; and by thy great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish thy rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Incarnation

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Confession of Saint Peter *January 18*

Almighty Father, who didst inspire Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep thy Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

Conversion of Saint Paul *January 25*

O God, who, by the preaching of thine apostle Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

The Presentation (Purification, Candlemas) *February 2*

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

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Saint Matthias *February 24*

O Almighty God, who into the place of Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: Grant that thy Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

Saint Joseph *March 19*

This Collect is also suitable for use on Wednesdays.

O God, who from the family of thy servant David didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thine incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of (St. Joseph or of) the Epiphany

The Annunciation *March 25*

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of (the Incarnation, of the Blessed Virgin Mary or of) the Epiphany

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Saint Mark *April 25*

Almighty God, who by the hand of Mark the evangelist hast given to thy Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank thee for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints

Saint Philip and Saint James *May 1*

Almighty God, who didst give to thine apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

The Visitation *May 31*

This Collect is also suitable for use on Saturdays.

Father in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thine incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of (the Blessed Virgin Mary or of) the Epiphany

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Saint Barnabas *June 11*

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of thy faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of thy Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist *June 24*

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Advent

Saint Peter and Saint Paul *June 29*

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified thee by their martyrdom: Grant that thy Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by thy Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

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Independence Day *July 4*

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect "For the Nation,", page 663, may be used instead.

Preface of Trinity Sunday

Saint Mary Magdalene *July 22*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities and know thee in the power of his endless life; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints

Saint James *July 25*

O gracious God, we remember before thee this day thy servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that thou wilt pour out upon the leaders of thy Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among thy people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

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The Transfiguration *August 6*

O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

Saint Mary the Virgin *August 15*

O God, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thine incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of (the Blessed Virgin Mary or of) the Incarnation

Saint Bartholomew *August 24*

O Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love what he believed and to preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

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Holy Cross Day *September 14*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of (the Cross or of) Holy Week

Saint Matthew *September 21*

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

Saint Michael and All Angels *September 29*

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

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Saint Luke *October 18*

Almighty God, who didst inspire thy servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son: Graciously continue in thy Church the like love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of thy Name; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints

Saint James of Jerusalem *October 23*

Grant, we beseech thee, O God, that after the example of thy servant James the Just, kinsman of our Lord, thy Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints

Saint Simon and Saint Jude *October 28*

O God, we thank thee for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

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All Saints' Day *November 1*

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Preface of All Saints

Thanksgiving Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For the Prayers of the People, the Litany of Thanksgiving on page 661 may be used.

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The Common of Saints

The Festival of a saint is observed in accordance with the rules of precedence set forth in the calendar of the Church Year.

At the discretion of the Celebrant, and as appropriate, any of the following Collects, with one of the corresponding sets of Psalms and Lessons, may be used at the commemoration of a saint listed in the Calendar for which no Proper is provided.

Of a Martyr

O Almighty God, who didst give to thy servant *N.* boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of the same our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or this

O Almighty God, by whose grace and power thy holy martyr *N.* triumphed over suffering and was faithful even unto death: Grant us, who now remember *him* with thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to thee in this world, that we may receive with *him* the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or the following

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst enkindle the flame of thy love in the heart of thy holy martyr *N.*: Grant to us, thy humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in *his* triumph may profit by *his* example; through Jesus

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Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Saint

Of a Missionary or Evangelist

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servant *N.*, whom thou didst call to preach the Gospel to the people of _____(*or* to the _____people). Raise up, we beseech thee, in this and every land evangelists and heralds of thy kingdom, that thy Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or this

Almighty God, who willest to be glorified in thy saints, and didst raise up thy servant *N.* to be a light in the world: Shine, we pray thee, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth thy praise, who hast called us out of darkness into thy marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Pentecost

Of a Pastor (Archbishop, Bishop, Priest, or Deacon)

O heavenly Father, Shepherd of thy people, we give thee thanks for thy servant *N.*, who was faithful in the care and nurture of thy flock; and we pray that, following his example and the teaching of his holy life, we may by thy grace grow into the stature of the fullness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or this

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O God, our heavenly Father, who didst raise up thy faithful servant *N.* to be a [bishop and] pastor in thy Church and to feed thy flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that they may minister in thy household as true servants of Christ and stewards of thy divine mysteries; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Saint

Of a Theologian and Teacher (Doctors and Confessors)

O God, who by thy Holy Spirit dost give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise thy Name for the gifts of grace manifested in thy servant *N.*, and we pray that thy Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or this

O Almighty God, who didst give to thy servant *N.* special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant, we beseech thee, that by this teaching we may know thee, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Saint, or of Trinity Sunday

Of a Monastic (Abbot, Abbess, Hermit)

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us, we pray thee, from an inordinate love of this world, that, inspired by the devotion of thy servant *N.*, we may serve thee with singleness of heart, and

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attain to the riches of the age to come; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or this

O God, by whose grace thy servant *N.*, enkindled with the fire of thy love, became a burning and a shining light in thy Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and may ever walk before thee as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Saint

Of a Saint

O Almighty God, who hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of thy servant *N.*, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through thy mercy, we may with *him* attain to thine eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or this

O God, who hast brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of just men made perfect: Grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in our heavenly country to become partakers of their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or this

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O Almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit hast made us one with thy saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and may know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to thy power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of a Saint

Various Occasions

For optional use, when desired, subject to the rules set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year. The Collect for votive masses of Saint Joseph (Wednesdays) may be found on page 126. The Collect for votive masses of all the Holy Apostles (Wednesdays) may be found on page 116. A Collect for votive masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturdays) may be found on page 127.

1. Of the Holy Trinity *(suitable for Mondays)*

Almighty God, who hast revealed to thy Church thine eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or the Collect for Trinity Sunday, page 113.

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2. Of the Holy Spirit *(suitable for Thursdays)*

Almighty and most merciful God, grant, we beseech thee, that by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and

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strengthened for thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of Pentecost

3. Of the Holy Angels *(suitable for Tuesdays)*

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Trinity Sunday

4. Of the Incarnation

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

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5. Of the Holy Eucharist

Especially suitable for Thursdays and the Feast of Corpus Christi

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or in this traditional form

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a perpetual Memorial of thy Passion; grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Epiphany

6. Of the Holy Cross *(suitable for Fridays)*

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage, we beseech thee, to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of (the Cross or of) Holy Week

7. For All Baptized Christians *(suitable for Saturdays)*

Grant, O Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness;

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through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Baptism

8. For the Departed

O eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: Give, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or this

Almighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant *N.*; and we pray that, having opened to *him* the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive *him* more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, *he* may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Any of the Collects appointed for use at the Burial of the Dead may be used instead.

Preface of the Commemoration of the Dead

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9. Of the Reign of Christ

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of (Christ the King or of) the Ascension, or of Baptism

10. At Baptism

Almighty God, who by our baptism into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ dost turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Baptism

11. At Confirmation

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in thy Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Baptism, or of Pentecost

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12. On the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church

O Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place; and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Dedication of a Church

13. For a Church Convention

Almighty and everlasting Father, who hast given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we beseech thee, with his grace and presence, the bishops and the other clergy and the laity here (*or* now, *or* soon to be) assembled in thy Name, that thy Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, thy Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Pentecost, or of the Season

14. For the Unity of the Church

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, even as thou and he are one: Grant that thy Church, being bound together in love and obedience to thee, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom thou didst send, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Baptism, or of Trinity Sunday

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15. For the Ministry (Ember Days)

For use on the traditional days or at other times

I. For those to be ordained

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed various orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for thy people; and so fill them with the truth of thy doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name and for the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Apostles

II. For the choice of fit persons for the ministry

O God, who didst lead thy holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that thy Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable men for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of thy kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

III. For all Christians in their vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry

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they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of Baptism, or of the Season

16. For the Mission of the Church

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or this

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in thine image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of thy holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship thee as thou hast been revealed in thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season, or of Pentecost

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17. For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, who hast made all peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Independence Day may be used instead.

Preface of Trinity Sunday

18. For Peace

O Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

19. For Rogation Days

For use on the traditional days or at other times

I. For fruitful seasons

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that thy gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who constantly receive good things from thy hand, may always give thee thanks; through

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Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

II. For commerce and industry

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with thy people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to thy will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

III. For stewardship of creation

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

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20. For the Sick

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and relieve thy sick servants, and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those (*or N., or NN.*) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in *their* weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

21. For Social Justice

Almighty God, who hast created us in thine own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

22. For Social Service

O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto but to minister: Bless, we beseech thee, all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

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23. For Education

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by thy Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

24. For Vocation in Daily Work

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

25. For Labor Day

Almighty God, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface of the Season

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Collects for other Votive Masses.

Of the Eternal High Priest

This Collect is suitable for use on Thursdays.

O God, by whose providence thine only-begotten Son was made an High Priest forever, that in him thy majesty might be glorified, and all men might find salvation: mercifully grant that so many as he hath called to be ministers and stewards of his mysteries may ever be found faithful in their vocation and ministry; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Holy Cross

Of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This Collect is suitable for use on Fridays.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who from the bosom of the Father in heaven didst come down to earth, and shed thy precious Blood for the remission of all our sins: we humbly beseech thee, that in the day of judgment we may be found worthy to stand at thy right hand and hear thy voice: Come, ye blessed ones. Who livest and reignest with the same God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. **Amen.**

Preface of the Holy Cross

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The Great Litany

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The Great Litany

Litanies as forms of prayer are very old, dating from before the fourth century, and for a long time constituted a major part of the congregation's participation in the Mass. The Great Litany in the Book of Common Prayer derives from the first English litany, compiled by Thomas Cranmer in 1544, drawing from the Sarum rite, the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and a Latin litany composed by Martin Luther. The three invocations of saints that appeared in this litany were deleted before it was included in the 1549 Prayer Book. For much of the history of the Anglican Church, the use of the Great Litany after Morning Prayer on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays has been required.

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

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Saint Mary, Mother of God our Savior Jesus Christ,
Pray for us.

All holy Angels and Archangels, and all holy orders of blessed Spirits,
Pray for us.

All holy Patriarchs and Prophets; Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins; and all the blessed Company of heaven,
Pray for us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

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From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity, [*by thy Circumcision*] and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (*or* of this nation), and all others in authority, [*that they may above all things seek thy honor and glory*], that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with

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the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed_____and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

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O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us.	*or*	**Christe eleison.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.

When the Litany is sung or said immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes here, and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

On all other occasions, the Officiant and People say together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;
R. **As we do put our trust in thee.**

or

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
R. **Neither reward us according to our iniquities.**

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The Officiant concludes with one of the following or some other Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add other Prayers, and end the Litany, saying

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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The Supplication

For use in the Litany in place of the Versicle and Collect which follows the Lord's Prayer; or at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; or as a separate devotion; especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.

O Lord, arise, help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.
O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
R. **Graciously behold our afflictions.**
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
R. **Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.**
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
R. **O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**
V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
R. **Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.**

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If it has not been said earlier, here may be added

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;
R. **As we do put our trust in thee.**

The Officiant concludes

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Proper Liturgies for Special Days

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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of spiritual warfare, of fasting, penitence, and preparation for the Easter feast. Beginning in the tenth century ashes were imposed on this day upon penitent sinners in preparation for their restoration to full communion with the Church. Since the eleventh century, ashes have been imposed upon all the faithful as a reminder that the wages of sin is death. As God said to Adam, "dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." (Genesis 3:19b) But as we are marked with ashes in the same manner that we were signed with the cross in our Baptisms, we are also reminded that we only have life in Christ, the second Adam.

Before the service, ashes made from branches of palm or other trees which were blessed in the previous year shall be blessed.

The service may begin with the following introit.

Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and abhorrest nothing which thou hast made, and dost overlook the sins of men, that they may repent, and thou sparest them: for thou art the Lord our God. (*Wisdom 11*) Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee. (*Psalm 57*). Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Thou hast mercy...

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Then shall the Celebrant say

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, *or* Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm	103, *or* 103:8-14
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Gospel	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

After the Sermon, all stand, and the Celebrant or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

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I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

If ashes are to be imposed, the Celebrant says the following prayer

Almighty God, thou hast created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be unto us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by thy gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember, O man, that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The following Psalm is then sung or said

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; *
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses.

2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness, *
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.

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4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in
thy sight; *
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when
thou shalt judge.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, *
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, *
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins, *
and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence, *
and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again, *
and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, *
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the
God of my health; *
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

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15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall show thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; *
but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to thee and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved thee with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

We have not heard thy call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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We confess to thee, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our lust, gluttony, and abuse of others,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our laziness, intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

For our poor stewardship and misuse of thy creation, and our lack of concern for the generations to come,
Accept our repentance, O Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let thy anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for thy mercy is great.

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Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation;
That we may show forth thy glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of thy Son our Lord,
Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Bishop, if present, or the Priest, stands and, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He ✠ pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts do believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the absence of a bishop or priest, all that precedes may be led by a deacon or lay reader who remains kneeling and substitutes the prayer for forgiveness appointed at Morning Prayer for the above.
The Peace may then be exchanged.

When Communion follows, the service continues with the Offertory.

Preface of Lent

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Blessed Lord. The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will; thus it is fitting that this service continues with the singing or reading of the Passion, turning the emphasis to the days which lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail him as king one moment, may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting "Crucify him!"

The Liturgy of the Palms

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession. The branches of palm to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people after the prayer of blessing or before the service.

One of the following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing

Blessed is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord:
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Here, or following the blessing, a Deacon or other person appointed reads one of the following

Year A	Matthew 21:1-11
Year B	Mark 11:1-11a
Year C	Luke 19:29-40

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Bless, O Lord, these branches. Let them be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leadeth to

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eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

After the distribution of palms, the Priest may pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst ordain that our Lord Jesus Christ should ride upon a colt, the foal of an ass; and didst teach the throngs of people to spread their garments and the branches of trees in the way, and to sing Hosanna in his praise: grant, we beseech thee, that we may follow the example of their innocence, and like them, may render thee a worthy service. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

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Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

At services on this day other than the principal celebration, suitable portions of the preceding may be used.

At the Eucharist

When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Kyrie, the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Old Testament	Isaiah 45:21-25, *or* Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm	22:1-21, *or* 22:1-11
Epistle	Philippians 2:5-11

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to_____.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Year A	Matthew 26:36-27:54 (55-66) *or* 27:1-54 (55-66)
Year B	Mark 14:32-15:39 (40-47) *or* 15:1-39 (40-47)
Year C	Luke 22:39-23:49 (50-56) *or* 23:1-49 (50-56)

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33) all stand.

Preface of Holy Week

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Maundy Thursday

This day receives its name from the *mandatum* or the "new commandment" given by our Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This service begins with a festal character: white vestments are worn; the *Gloria in excelsis* is sung; additional candles may be lit. This service has been called "a burst of sunshine in the gathering gloom." We at once remember the joy of the institution of the Eucharist, the love and service which Jesus lived and taught, the agony in the garden of Gethsemene, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion. The bread and wine of the Last Supper are given new meaning by the Body broken and Blood poured out on the cross. Sufficient bread and wine may be consecrated on this day for the Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday. The Sacrament is then taken to an altar of repose where the faithful are asked to "watch and pray." The altar, symbolic of Christ, is stripped of its vesture and the building is left bare for the solemnity of Good Friday.

The Eucharist begins in the usual manner, using the following Collect, Psalm, and Lessons

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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Old Testament	Exodus 12:1-14a
Psalm	78:15-21, 24-26
Epistle	I Corinthians 11:23-26 (27-32)
Gospel	John 13:1-15, *or* Luke 22:14-30

When observed, the ceremony of the washing of feet appropriately follows the Gospel and homily. If it is desired to introduce the ceremony by a brief address, the following may be used.

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none standeth more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord hath called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you (who have been appointed as representatives of the congregation and) who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them."

During the ceremony of the washing of feet, one or more of the following, or other suitable anthems, may be sung or said

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said unto them, "Know ye what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done unto you."

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Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.
I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.
Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.
By this shall the world know that ye are my disciples: That ye have love for one another.

Where charity and love abide: there is God.
The love of Christ joined us in one: let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God: and love one another in sincerity of heart.
Where charity and love abide: there is God.
When, therefore, we are joined together: let us see that we be not divided in spirit. Let all malicious wrangling and contentions cease: and let Christ our God be in the midst of us.
Where charity and love abide: there is God.
So may we with the blessed see: in glory thy countenance, Christ our God. Joy that is infinite and undefiled: for ever and for evermore, **Amen.**

A new commandment give I unto you: that ye love one another as I have loved you, saith the Lord.
Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.
A new commandment...

After the Lord had risen from supper: he put water in a basin. And began to wash his disciples' feet: this example left he unto you.
Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God; even upon his holy hill.
After the Lord had risen...

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The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples, washed their feet, and said unto them, "Know ye what I your Lord and Master have done unto you? I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you."
Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
The Lord Jesus, after he had supped...

Lord, dost thou wash my feet: Jesus answered and said unto him; If I wash not thy feet: thou hast no part in me.
He came therefore unto Simon Peter: and Peter said unto him;
Lord, dost thou wash my feet...
What I do, thou knowest not now: but thou shalt know hereafter.
Lord, dost thou wash my feet...

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: how much more ought ye to wash one anothers' feet.
O hear ye this all ye people: ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world.
If I, your Lord and Master...

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples: if ye love one another.
Jesus said unto his disciples:
By this shall all men know...

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Let these three abide in you, faith, hope, and charity: but the greatest of these is charity.
Now abideth faith, hope, and charity these three: but the greatest of these is charity.
Let these three abide in you...

The service continues with the prayers of the People.

Where it is desired to administer Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament on Good Friday, the Sacrament for that purpose is consecrated at this service.

Preface of Holy Week

The Sacrament to be reserved should be kept in a separate chapel or other place apart from the main sanctuary of the church, in order that on Good Friday the attention of the congregation may be on the bare main Altar. The Sacrament may be carried in procession to the Altar of Repose at the end of Communion. It is appropriate to sing the hymn "Pange lingua gloriosi" during this procession.

If the custom of stripping the Altar is observed as a public ceremony, it takes place after the Maundy Thursday liturgy. It may be done in silence; or it may be accompanied by the recitation of Psalm 22, p. 466, which is sung or said without Gloria Patri. The following antiphon may be sung or said before and after the Psalm.

Antiphon: They parted my garments among them: and upon my vesture they cast lots.

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Good Friday

This most solemn of all days should be marked by fasting, abstinence, and penance, leading us to focus on Jesus upon the cross. The bare, stark appearance of the church serves as a reminder of the solemnity and the sorrow of the day. The Lord of Life was rejected, mocked, scourged, and then put to death on the cross. The faithful need to be mindful of the part which their own sins played in this suffering and agony, as Christ took all sin upon himself, in obedience to his Father's will. By the cross we are redeemed, set free from bondage to sin and death. The cross is a sign of God's never-ending love for us. It is a sign of life, in the midst of death.

The service on this day consists of three parts: lessons and prayers, including the recital of the passion; veneration of the cross, a devotion showing our love and thankfulness for the gift of life given us by Jesus' death; and it may conclude with the Mass of the Presanctified from the Sacrament consecrated on Maundy Thursday.

The Celebrant and assistants enter and go to the Altar and prostrate themselves before it, praying in silence. The Celebrant then says

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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Old Testament	Isaiah 52:13-53:12, *or* Genesis 22:1-18 *or* Wisdom 2:1, 12-24
Psalm	22:1-11(12-21), *or* 40:1-14, *or* 69:1-23
Epistle	Hebrews 10:1-25

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

John 18:1-19:37 *or* 19:1-37

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific roles may be assigned to different persons, the choir or congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.

The Sermon follows.

A hymn may then be sung.

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Celebrant or Deacon sings or says to the people

Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray for the holy Church of God: that the Lord our God may vouchsafe to preserve it throughout all the world in unity, peace, and safety: making subject unto it all Principalities and Powers: and that he may

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grant unto us to dwell in such quiet and tranquility that we may duly show forth the glory of God the Father Almighty.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast in Christ made manifest thy glory unto all mankind: we beseech thee that thou wouldest preserve those things which of thy mercy thou hast created; that thy Church, being spread abroad through all the world, may steadfastly abide in the confession of thy holy Name. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for *N.* our chief Bishop: that like as the Lord our God hath appointed him to the office of Bishop, so he may preserve him in all peace and safety for the governance of God's holy People.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose judgment upholdeth all things both in heaven and earth: we beseech thee mercifully to have respect unto our prayers, that like as thou hast appointed this thy servant to be our bishop so thou wouldest of thy mercy defend him against all adversities; and that all Christian peoples, acknowledging thee alone to be their author and governor, may so prosper by his care that they may duly increase in bringing forth the fruits of their profession. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; for all Subdeacons, Acolytes, (Exorcists), Readers, Doorkeepers, (Confessors, Virgins, and Widows): and for all God's holy People.

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Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*). Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for *N.* the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: we commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for all them that are catechumens: that the Lord our God may open the ears of their hearts that they may enter in at the gate of his mercy; that by the washing of regeneration they may obtain the remission of all their sins, and be found faithful servants of our Lord, Christ Jesus.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*silence*) Arise.

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Almighty and everlasting God, who dost ever increase thy Church with the abundance of a new generation: we beseech thee that thou wouldest multiply in faith and understanding them that are being taught in thy holy word; that being renewed in the water of Baptism they may be numbered among the sons of thine adoption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray likewise to God the Father Almighty, that he would vouchsafe to cleanse the world from all false doctrine: to deliver it from pestilence and famine: to open all prisons: and to set free them that are in captivity: granting unto pilgrims a safe return; to the sick healing; and to them that travel to attain unto the haven that they desire.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, the comforter of them that mourn, the strength of them that travail: We beseech thee to hear the prayers of them that in any necessity make their supplications unto thee; that in all their troubles and adversities they may rejoice in the present succor of thy loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for all them that are in heresy and schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrines, and vouchsafe to restore them to their holy Mother the Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who wouldest not that any should perish, but rather that they should be saved: we beseech thee mercifully to look upon them that are deceived

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by the crafts of the devil; that the hearts of them which have gone astray may be delivered from their perversities and restored to the way of truth and to the unity of thy holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for God's chosen people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them and that they may come to acknowledge Jesus Christ our Lord as the redeemer of all mankind.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give thy promises to Abraham and his seed, hear, we pray thee, the prayers of thy Church that the people chosen by thee of old may come to the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for those who do not yet believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may fill them and bring them into the way of salvation.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who desirest not the death of a sinner but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live: Mercifully accept our prayers; that all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the Gospel of thy Son may be delivered from the worship of their idols, and by confession of the true faith be united to thy holy Church to the honor and glory of thy Name. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray likewise for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and died in the peace of Christ,

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together with those whose faith is known to God alone, we may enter into the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. (*Silence*) Arise.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being renewed unto the perfection of him through whom all things were made, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Veneration of the Cross

If desired, a wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. The following antiphon may be sung three times, as the cross is being uncovered.

V. Behold the Wood of the Cross, whereon was hung the world's Salvation.
R. **O come, let us worship.**

The people may come forward to venerate the cross as directed. The following, or other anthems, may be sung or said

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The Reproaches

V. O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have wearied thee? Testify against me.
Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.
R. **['Agios o Theos.] Holy God.**
['Agios ischyros.] Holy, mighty.
['Agios athanatos, eleison imas.] Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

V. Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.
R. **['Agios o Theos.] Holy God.**
['Agios ischyros.] Holy, mighty.
['Agios athanatos, eleison imas.] Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

V. What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, with exceeding fair fruit: and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar, mingled with gall, thou gavest me when thirsty: and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Savior.
R. **['Agios o Theos.] Holy God.**
['Agios ischyros.] Holy, mighty.
['Agios athanatos, eleison imas.] Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

V. I did scourge Egypt with her first-born for thy sake: and thou hast scourged me and delivered me up.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

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V. I led thee forth out of Egypt, drowning Pharaoh in the Red Sea: and thou hast delivered me up unto the chief priests.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

V. I did open the sea before thee: and thou hast opened my side with a spear.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

V. I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud: and thou hast led me unto the judgment hall of Pilate.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

V. I did feed thee with manna in the desert: and thou hast stricken me with blows and scourges.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

V. I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock: and thou hast given me to drink but gall and vinegar.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

V. I did smite the kings of the Canaanites for thy sake: thou hast smitten my head with a reed.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

V. I did give thee a royal scepter: and thou hast given unto my head a crown of thorns.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

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V. I did raise thee on high with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.
R. **O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.**

V. We venerate thy Cross, O Lord: and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection: for by virtue of the Cross joy hath come to the whole world.
God be merciful unto us and bless us
R. **And show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.** (*Ps. 67*)
V. We venerate thy Cross, O Lord: and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection: for by virtue of the Cross joy hath come to the whole world.

The following hymn may then be sung

V. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the ending of the fray; now above the Cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay: tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, as a Victim won the day.
R. **Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree: none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.**

V. God in pity saw man fallen, shamed and sunk in misery, when he fell on death by tasting fruit of the forbidden tree: then another Tree was chosen which the world from death should free.
R. **Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.**

V. Thus the scheme of our salvation was of old in order laid: that the manifold deceiver's art by art might be

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outweighed: and the lure the foe put forward into means of healing made.

R. **Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree: none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.**

V. Therefore when the appointed fullness of the holy time was come, he was sent, who maketh all things, forth from God's eternal home: thus he came to earth, incarnate, offspring of a maiden's womb.

R. **Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.**

V. Lo! he lies an infant weeping, where the narrow manger stands: while the Mother-maid his members wraps in mean and lowly bands: and the swaddling clothes is winding round his helpless feet and hands.

R. **Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree: none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.**

V. Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled, born for this, he meets his passion, for that this he freely willed; on the Cross the Lamb is lifted where his life-Blood shall be spilled.

R. **Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.**

V. He endured the nails, the spitting, vinegar, and spear, and reed; from that holy Body broken, Blood and Water forth proceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean by that flood from stain are freed.

R. **Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree: none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.**

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V. Bend thy boughs, O Tree of glory; thy relaxing sinews bend; for a while the ancient rigor that thy birth bestowed, suspend: and the King of heavenly beauty on thy bosom gently tend.
R. **Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.**

V. Thou alone wast counted worthy this world's ransom to uphold: for a shipwrecked race preparing harbor, like the Ark of old: with the sacred Blood anointed from the smitten lamb that rolled.
R. **Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree: none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.**

V. To the Trinity be glory everlasting, as is meet: equal to the Father, equal to the Son, and Paraclete: Trinal Unity, whose praises all created things repeat. Amen.
R. **Sweetest wood, and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.**

At the Mass of the Presanctified, the hymn "Vexilla Regis" or the following antiphons may be sung as the Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose.

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

V. Through the tree, we were made slaves; and through the holy cross we obtained our freedom.
R. **The fruit of the tree betrayed us, the Son of God redeemed us.**

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V. O Savior of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:
R. **Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

The service may be concluded here with the Lord's Prayer and the final prayer below.

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, [*and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort*] and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

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forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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Communion is now administered from the Reserved Sacrament, the Celebrant first saying

✠ Behold, the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to thy holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Holy Saturday

There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day.

When there is a Liturgy of the Word, the Celebrant begins with the Collect of the Day

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of thy dear son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Job 14:1-14
Psalm 130 *with this antiphon*

Antiphon:
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who may abide it?

or 31:1-5 *with this antiphon*

Antiphon: Into thy hands, O Lord, * I commend my spirit.

Epistle I Peter 4:1-8
Gospel Matthew 27:57-66, *or* John 19:38-42

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After the Gospel (and homily), in place of the Prayers of the People, the following anthem is sung or said

In the midst of life we are in death;
of whom may we seek for succor,
but of thee, O Lord,
who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and merciful Savior,
thou most worthy Judge eternal.
Suffer us not, at our last hour,
through any pains of death, to fall from thee.

The service then concludes with the Lord's Prayer and the Grace.

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The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is perhaps the most theologically important service of the Church Year. In it the new fire of God is struck, banishing darkness, and showing forth the victory won on Good Friday; the saving acts of God in history are recounted in the *Exsultet* and in scripture; new Christians are made through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism; the vows made by all Christians at their baptisms are renewed; and with the end of the Lenten observance, the first mass of the joyful season of Easter is celebrated. The Vigil is not a short service. It marks time in the evening, while the people await the announcement of the Resurrection: "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed, and the Paschal Candle burns as a sign of the presence of the resurrected Christ.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church doth bid her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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Let us pray.

O God, who through thy Son, who is the true corner-stone, hast bestowed upon thy faithful people the fire of thy brightness: we beseech thee that thou wouldest sanctify this new fire, now struck by us from flint-stone, to be profitable to our service: and grant unto us that by this paschal feast we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, that we may with pure hearts and minds attain unto the feast of thine eternal brightness. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The new fire and the Paschal Candle may be blessed, and the Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. The Deacon (or the Celebrant if there is no Deacon) bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

If candles have been distributed to members of the congregation, they are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, sings or says the Exsultet, as follows. The indicated sections may be omitted if desired.

Rejoice now, all ye heavenly legions of Angels: all high things that pass understanding: for the King that cometh with victory, let the trumpet proclaim salvation.

Sing with joy, O earth, illumed with this celestial radiancy: and enlightened by the eternal God, thy glory, believe and know that thou hast put away the darkness of all mankind.

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So likewise let our Mother, his holy Church, welcome the bright beams of light shed upon her: and let his holy courts be filled with the praise of his people.

I pray and beseech you therefore, dearly beloved, that all ye who here are present seeking this heavenly brightness make your supplication with me to the Almighty, that he would show forth his mercy toward me. That he who in my unworthiness numbered me among his ministers and called me to do him service, so may also vouchsafe to lighten my darkness, making me meet to praise this gift of fire with thankfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer: who liveth and reigneth with him and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Deacon Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Deacon Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Deacon

It is very meet and right, that with the service of our lips we should glorify and should praise with heart and soul God the invisible and almighty, and likewise his only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who paid for us to the eternal Father the debt of Adam's transgression: and with his dear blood wiped away the reproach of our former offenses.

Now therefore we sacrifice our Passover, wherein for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose blood the doors of the faithful people are made holy.

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The night is come, wherein our fathers, the children of Israel, were led forth out of Egypt; thou dividedst the sea, and madest them to pass over as on dry land.

Yea, the night is come, that with the fiery pillar hath purged away the darkness of our condemnation.

The night is come, whereby all that believe in Christ upon the face of all earth, delivered from this naughty world and out of the shadow of death, are renewed unto grace, and are made partakers of eternal life. The night is come, wherein the bonds of death were loosed, and Christ harrowing hell rose again in triumph.

For wherefore should man be born into this world, save that being born he might be redeemed? How wonderful then, O God, is thy loving-kindness unto us thy children! Behold, what manner of love he hath bestowed upon us: who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son!

O wonderful providence of Adam's transgression, that by such a death sin might be done away! O blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Savior; O night verily blessed, to thee alone that time and that hour were made manifest, when our Savior Christ rose again from death unto life! The night is come, whereof David said: Behold, the night is as clear as the day: Then shall my night be turned into day.

The mystery therefore of this most holy night putteth to flight the deeds of darkness, purgeth away sin: restoreth innocence to the fallen, and gladness unto them that mourn: casteth out hatred, bringeth peace to all mankind, and boweth down mighty princes.

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Therefore in this thy favorable time, accept, O holy Father, the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which as at this time thy holy Church maketh before thee, and offereth to thee by the hands of thy servants, the work, of the bees thy creatures. Ye hear, brethren, the meaning of this pillar we have set up, whereunto in God's honor the bright flame of fire doth set light. Which though it be never so much divided, yet knoweth not variableness nor loseth aught of its splendor. For the wax that melteth doth but feed the flame, for thereunto have the creatures of God's hand brought it forth, that it should give light in darkness. O night verily blessed, which did spoil the people of Egypt, and magnified the Hebrews!

O night, wherein heaven and earth are joined, and mankind partaketh with the Godhead!

We pray thee therefore, O most merciful: that this candle which we have lighted and consecrated before thee in thy own name, may continue to shine forth without ceasing, and may vanquish all the shades of darkness. That being accepted before thee as a sweet savor, it may be numbered with the lights that thou hast kindled. May the day-star find it burning when he dawneth into day: the day-star that riseth, and knoweth not his going down: but coming forth from the places of darkness gladly giveth forth light unto all creation.

We beseech thee, therefore, O most merciful: that thou wouldest direct and guide us thy servants, and the hearts of all thy faithful family: and all those also that minister in thy service: especially *N*, our Chief Bishop and thy servant *N*, our Bishop, so helping us with continual grace, that we may pass our time in rest and quietness, in the glad solemnity of our redemption. Do thou also have respect unto those who rule in authority over us, and by the unspeakable gift of thy

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love and pity direct their thoughts unto righteousness and peace, that they, together with all thy people, may come from the toils of this world unto their heavenly country.

Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day until after the Gospel on Ascension Day, or through the Day of Pentecost.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

At least two of the following Lessons are read, of which one is always the Lesson from Exodus. After each Lesson, the Psalm or Canticle listed, or some other suitable psalm, canticle, or hymn may be sung. A period of silence may be kept; and the collect provided, or some other suitable Collect, may be said.

The story of Creation
Genesis 1:1-2:2

Psalm 33:1-11, or Psalm 36:5-10

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

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O God, who in a wondrous manner didst create the race of man, and still more wondrously hast redeemed the same: Grant us, we beseech thee, so steadfastly to withstand all the crafts and devices of sin, that we may be found worthy to attain everlasting felicity. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

The Flood
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Psalm 46

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

Almighty God, who hast placed in the skies the sign of thy covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to thee our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac
Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 33:12-22, or Psalm 16

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

O God, Almighty Father of them that put their trust in thee, for the glory of thy Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of thy children; that thy Church may rejoice to see fulfilled thy promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea
Exodus 14:10-15:1

Canticle: Cantemus Domino

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

O God, who hast ordained that thy mighty works of old should enlighten even this our present generation; who didst by the mighty defense of thy right hand deliver one people from persecution in the land of Egypt to be a figure of the salvation of all nations by the washing of regeneration: Grant, we pray thee, that the fullness of all mankind, being delivered from its present bondage, may be made sons of Abraham and worthy members of thy true Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God's Presence in a renewed Israel
Isaiah 4:2-6

Psalm 122

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

O God, who by the mouth of thy holy Prophets hast manifested thyself before all the children of the Church, to be in all places of thy dominion, to be the sower of good seed and the husbandman of thine elect branches: Grant unto thy peoples, that, the vineyard of thy planting and the harvest of thy sowing being purged of all thorns and briars, they may be made to bring forth worthy fruit in abundance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Salvation offered freely to all
Isaiah 55:1-11

Canticle: Ecce, Deus; or Psalm 42:1-7

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst swear unto the faith of our forefathers that they should by thy holy adoption be made the fathers of many: Increase and multiply, we pray thee, to the honor of thy Name, the sons of promise; that, like as they of old doubted not thine oath, so thy Church in our time may see in due measure the fulfillment of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A new heart and a new spirit
Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalm 42:1-7; or Canticle: Ecce, Deus

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The valley of dry bones
Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 30, or Psalm 143

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Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

Almighty God, by the Passover of thy Son thou hast brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by thy Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim thee to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The gathering of God's people
Zephaniah 3:12-20

Psalm 98, or Psalm 126

Let us pray. Let us bow the knee. *(Silence)* Arise.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of thy providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Baptism (beginning with the Presentation of the Candidates, page 223, and concluding with the reception of the newly baptized) may be administered here. Confirmation may also be administered. In the absence of candidates for Baptism or Confirmation, the Celebrant leads the people in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. If desired, the Celebrant may first bless the font in the traditional manner, page 721, or in the form in the service of Holy Baptism provided on page 231. The first part of the Litany, page 210, may be sung here if desired.

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The Celebrant may then address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dearly beloved, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Dost thou reaffirm thy renunciation of evil and renew thy commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;**
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
both the quick and the dead.

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Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?
People **I believe in the Holy Ghost,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving thy neighbor as thyself?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all men, and respect the dignity of every person?
People **I will, by God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and

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bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may sprinkle the people with Holy Water as a reminder of their Baptisms.

The following Litany may be sung as the ministers prepare for the Mass. The names of additional saints may be added if desired.

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**
Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**
Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**
O God the Father of heaven: **Have mercy upon us.**
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost: **Have mercy upon us.**
O Holy Trinity, one God: **Have mercy upon us.**

Holy Mary: **Pray for us.**
Holy Mother of God: **Pray for us.**
Holy Virgin of virgins: **Pray for us.**
Holy Michael: **Pray for us.**
Holy Gabriel: **Pray for us.**
Holy Raphael: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Angels and Archangels: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits: **Pray for us.**
Holy John Baptist: **Pray for us.**
Holy Joseph: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets: **Pray for us.**
Holy Peter: **Pray for us.**
Holy Paul: **Pray for us.**
Holy Andrew: **Pray for us.**
Holy John: **Pray for us.**

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All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord: **Pray for us.**
Holy Stephen: **Pray for us.**
Holy Lawrence: **Pray for us.**
Holy Vincent: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy martyrs: **Pray for us.**
Holy Sylvester: **Pray for us.**
Holy Gregory: **Pray for us.**
Holy Augustine: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Doctors: **Pray for us.**
Holy Anthony: **Pray for us.**
Holy Benedict: **Pray for us.**
Holy Dominic: **Pray for us.**
Holy Francis: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Priests and Levites: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Monks and Hermits: **Pray for us.**
Holy Mary Magdalene: **Pray for us.**
Holy Agnes: **Pray for us.**
Holy Cecilia: **Pray for us.**
Holy Agatha: **Pray for us.**
Holy Anastasia: **Pray for us.**
All ye holy Virgins and Widows: **Pray for us.**
All ye Holy, Righteous, and Elect of God: **Intercede for us.**

Be thou merciful: **Spare us, good Lord.**
Be thou merciful: **Graciously hear us, good Lord.**

From all evil: **Good Lord deliver us.**
From all deadly sin: **Good Lord deliver us.**
From everlasting damnation: **Good Lord deliver us.**
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation:
Good Lord deliver us.
By thine Advent and Nativity: **Good Lord deliver us.**

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By thy Baptism and holy Fasting: **Good Lord deliver us.**
By thy Cross and Passion: **Good Lord deliver us.**
By thy precious Death and Burial: **Good Lord deliver us.**
By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension:
Good Lord deliver us.
By the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter:
Good Lord deliver us.
In the hour of death and in the day of judgment:
Good Lord deliver us.

Even though we be sinners:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to spare us:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to preserve the household of thine Apostles, and all orders in the Church in thy true religion:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to overthrow the enemies of thy holy Church:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to bestow on all Christian rulers true peace and concord:
We beseech thee to hear good Lord.
That it may please thee to strengthen and preserve us in true worshiping of thee:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to bestow on all our benefactors thine everlasting benefits:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please thee to bestow upon all thy faithful rest eternal:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee graciously to hear our prayer:
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
Spare us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
Graciously hear us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, graciously hear us.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

At the Eucharist

The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The Celebrant may now say

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Gloria in excelsis is then sung and bells may be rung.

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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O God, who didst make this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in thy Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship thee in sincerity and truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or this

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Romans 6:3-11

"Alleluia" may be sung and repeated.

Psalm 114, or some other suitable psalm or a hymn may be sung.

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

If a sermon or homily was not preached earlier, it follows here.
The Nicene Creed is not used at this service.

The Prayers of the People may be omitted if the Litany has been sung.
The Confession, page 256, may follow here. The celebration continues with the Offertory, page 259.

Preface of Easter

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Holy Baptism

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Concerning Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism stands at the beginning of Christian Life, not principally because it is frequently administered to young children, but because it is the beginning of all sacramental grace. This is clear from the fourfold nature of the "inward and spiritual grace" of the sacrament.

Baptism is first of all the washing away of sin. When Baptism is administered to those old enough to know right from wrong, their past sinful actions are forgiven; their actual sins are washed away. Even more, all those who are baptized are forgiven what has been traditionally known as original sin. This means that all of the fallenness of our nature which stands as an obstacle to a true relationship with God is done away. God establishes a relationship with us by removing the guilt of our fallen condition.

This new relationship is God's adoption of Christians as His children. Thus - and this is the second part of the grace of the sacrament - we are reborn. The font is a kind of womb bringing forth the new life in Christ. Just as we were born to a physical life from our earthly mothers, so from the font we are born to a spiritual life. This is a life which partakes of the life of God and thus of immortality. As spiritual birth, it is the beginning of Christian life. That life must still be lived, and there is much growth which must follow the birth. But the birth is real, and like our earthly birth, unrepeatable.

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In being reborn we are incorporated into Christ and especially into His death and resurrection. St. Paul has termed it "putting on Christ" and putting off "the old man." Coming to the font, we first renounce the devil, the world, and the flesh, and then turn to Jesus and accept His Lordship over our lives. This incorporation into the death and resurrection of Christ is graphically symbolized when the baptism is by immersion: going down into the waters under which human life cannot survive and being raised up through death to a new life.

As a result of the putting on of Christ, we are made members of His Body, the Church. For all of its profound effects on our individual souls, Baptism is also profoundly corporate. In uniting us with Christ, it unites us also with all other Christians who are similarly united with the Head of the Church. Symbolizing this entrance into the Church, the font is often placed near the door to remind us how it is that we have come here.

All of these four elements of the Sacramental grace of Baptism emphasize God's initiative in the Sacrament. This properly expresses the comfortable Gospel of grace: that God saves us quite apart from any merits or good deeds of our own. In Baptism, God takes us to Himself, establishing by His own sovereign mercy a relationship which is intended to bear fruit both in this life and the next.

Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is also appropriate to reserve Baptisms for the visitation of a Bishop.

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Holy Baptism

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

	✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant	✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant	✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People	**His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Celebrant then continues

	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	**There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	**One God and Father of all.**

In addition to, or in place of the preceding, the Celebrant may say

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Celebrant may read the following sentence, or one of the other sentences on page 246.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

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forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says the following or similar words

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Here may be sung or said

Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison
Christ, have mercy upon us.	*or*	**Christe eleison**
Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison

When appointed, the following is sung or said, in addition to, or in place of, the preceding, all standing.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

People **Amen.**

At the principal service on a Sunday or other feast, the Collect and Lessons are properly those of the Day. On other occasions they are selected from "At Baptism."

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

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After each Reading, the reader may say

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or the Reader may say

Here endeth the Reading (Epistle).

Silence may follow.

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest sings or reads the Gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Reader The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

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Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Here the Deacon or Celebrant may say

Beloved in the Lord, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism by which *these persons are* to be made *members* of Christ's Body, the Church. By the working of this holy sacrament, ordained by Christ himself, *these persons* will die to sin and be raised to newness of life, receiving the fullness of God's grace that *they* may faithfully serve him all the days of *their lives*.

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and Older Children

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Wilt thou be baptized in this Faith?

Candidate That is my desire.

Infants and Younger Children

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

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Parents and Godparents
I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Wilt thou on thy part take heed that this child whom thou dost present be brought up in the Christian faith and life [*learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health*]?

Parents and Godparents
I will, by God's help.

Celebrant
Wilt thou by thy prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ [*and take heed that this child, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him*]?

Parents and Godparents
I will, by God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Celebrant
Dost thou renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer
I renounce them all.

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Celebrant
Dost thou renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer
I renounce them all.

Celebrant
Dost thou renounce all sinful desires that draw thee from the love of God?

Answer
I renounce them all.

If it is desired to anoint the candidate(s) with the Oil of the Catechumens, the priest says the following.

I anoint thee with the Oil of salvation, in Christ Jesus our Lord, that thou mayest have eternal life.

Celebrant
Dost thou turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as thy Savior?

Answer
I do.

Celebrant
Dost thou put thy whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer
I do.

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Celebrant
Dost thou promise to follow and obey him as thy Lord and Master?

Answer
I do.

When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says

The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters
Right Reverend Father-in-God: I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

or I present *these persons* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates
Dost thou reaffirm thy renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Dost thou renew thy commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Dearly beloved, let us join with *those* who *are* now committing *themselves* to Christ Jesus and here renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

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Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?

People **I believe in the Holy Ghost,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
✠ **and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all men, loving thy neighbor as thyself?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Celebrant Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all men, and respect the dignity of every person?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

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Beloved in the Lord, let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth (and for *these persons* who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ).

or the Celebrant may say

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as our Savior Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to *these persons* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they* may be baptized with Water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made (a) living member(s) of the same.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader	Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	**Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader	Open *their hearts* to thy grace and truth.
People	**Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader	Fill *them* with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	**Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader	Keep *them* in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People	**Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader	Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Holy Ghost.
People	**Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader	Send *them* into the world in faithful witness to thine abounding love.
People	**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

or one of the following

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon the devout prayers of thy servants now seeking regeneration and desiring the fountain of thy waters, even as the hart desireth the water-brooks; and of thy goodness grant that they who thirst after thy faith may in this mystery of thy Holy Baptism obtain sanctification both of body and soul. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to thee for succor, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead: We call upon thee for these thy *Servants (Children)*, that *they* coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *them*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *these* thy *Servants (Children)* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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If blessed salt is to be given, it is given here, with these words

Receive the salt of wisdom: may it be unto thee a pledge of everlasting life. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that those here cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Consecration of the Chrism

The Bishop may then consecrate oil of Chrism, placing a hand on the vessel of oil, and saying

Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Ghost to be the Savior and servant of all, we beseech thee of thy mercy so as to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed by it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant Name this child (person).

The Parents and Godparents or other presenters state the child's or person's name. The Celebrant, or an assisting priest or deacon, then immerses, or pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

We receive *this Child* (*Person*) into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that

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hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking the forehead with the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., thou art sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

If desired, a white garment may be given, the Priest saying

We give this white vesture, for a token of the innocency bestowed upon thee, and for a sign whereby thou art admonished to give thyself to pureness of living, that after this transitory life, thou mayest be partaker of the life everlasting. **Amen.**

A Baptismal Candle may be lighted from the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying

Receive the light of Christ, so that when the Bridegroom cometh, thou mayest go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that thou dost keep the grace of thy Baptism. **Amen.**

or

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them saying

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Let us pray: We most heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon *these thy servants* the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised *them* unto the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give unto *them* (an) inquiring and discerning heart(s), the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God: Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

If Confirmation, Reception, or the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is to follow, the prayers which begin on page 396 are used. The Peace may now be exchanged.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The service then continues with the Offertory.

Whenever possible, Baptism should take place within the context of the Eucharist. At other times, the service may conclude with the Lord's Prayer, other suitable prayers, a blessing and dismissal.

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The Holy Eucharist

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Concerning the Mass

The words of God are words of power. They bring to pass what they declare. At creation God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. In the Mass, God says, "This is my Body, This is my Blood," and it is so. Although it is the priest who stands at the altar, it is still Christ who speaks the words of power; the bread and wine become his body and blood, his real and true presence. (*St. Augustine's Prayer Book*)

This Sacrament was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper with his disciples. There he gave new meaning to the Passover meal by identifying himself with the sacrificial lambs, declaring that the bread and wine were his own body and blood, and that henceforth, this was to be done "in remembrance of me." Was ever a command so obeyed? The Mass has been offered for every conceivable human need and circumstance from the birth of a child to the repose of departed souls. Over and over, day by day, the Mass is offered at altars around the world in thanksgiving and supplication, strengthening the people of God. It is holy food for a people being made holy.

The Mass is "our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving." By acknowledging the Mass as sacrifice, we remember that Jesus freely gave of himself in love that we might have true life in him. The sacrifice of the Mass "participates" in the offering of Jesus at the Last Supper, in the offering of Jesus on the Cross, and in the continual offering of Jesus to his Father in Heaven. It also reminds us that we, too, are to live sacrificially.

We also speak of the Mass as the Holy Eucharist, as thanksgiving. We are reminded that Jesus "gave thanks" at the Last Supper. The Mass is the supreme act of Christian thanksgiving, whereby we recall what God has done for us in Christ. We come to Mass not only for what we receive, but because we need to worship.

Other common names for the Mass include the Holy Mysteries, because the fullness of the gift surpasses our

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understanding; Holy Communion because we corporately share in the reception of his presence; the Blessed Sacrament because it is the greatest and holiest of Spiritual joys.

When we take bread and wine (the Offertory), give thanks (the Eucharistic Prayer), break the bread (the Fraction), and then receive Christ's Body and Blood (Communion), we are following Christ's command. It is a command of love, as we are fed by grace and united with him. It is as important that our souls be nourished with the Bread of Heaven and Cup of Salvation as it is for our earthly bodies to be nourished by food and drink. Holy Communion should be received regularly and often; for some that will mean daily, for others weekly, for others once or twice a month. Additionally, major days in the Church Year (such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, All Saint's Day) and in one's own life should be celebrated by reception of Holy Communion.

Careful preparation by prayer and self-examination are required before receiving Communion (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Intending communicants must be free from willful sin, in charity with all, and in reverent fear of God, clean both in heart and soul, with full purpose to remain so. When a communicant's conscience is not clear, before approaching the Sacrament the communicant should first seek counsel, penance, and absolution from a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fasting is another traditional method of preparation by which we empty ourselves physically so that we may receive him spiritually.

In the Eucharist, we most clearly find ourselves transformed into the holy people of God. We are not to be "as gods," a competing horde of rivals to the One Living God; rather we are his creatures, fallen, yet redeemed in love; his own dear children, whom he willed to make "partakers of the divine nature." We come to adore him and we leave strengthened by the Word of God to do his will.

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Preparation for Mass

The following are traditional prayers said before Mass. Worshipers may wish to pray any of the following or Psalms 82, 83, and 84.

V. ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
R. **Amen.**
V. I will go unto the altar of God:
R. **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**
V. Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
R. **For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?**
V. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
R. **And that I may go unto the altar of God, even the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.**
V. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?
R. **O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.**
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**
V. I will go unto the altar of God:
R. **Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.**
V. ✠ Our help is in the Name of the Lord:
R. **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

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V. I confess to God Almighty...
R. **God Almighty have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life.**
V. Amen.
R. **I confess to God Almighty, to Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to thee, father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore I beg blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and thee, father, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**
V. God Almighty have mercy upon *you*, forgive *you your* sins, and bring *you* to everlasting life.
R. **Amen.**
V. ✠ The Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.
R. **Amen.**
V. Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God?
R. **That thy people may rejoice in thee.**
V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. **And let my cry come unto thee.**
V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And with thy spirit.**
V. Let us pray...

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We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as thou wast present with thy disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesu, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. **Amen.**

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The following devotions, mementos of baptism, may be used preceding the principal Mass on Sundays.

Asperges *(except during Eastertide)*

Thou shalt purge me, * O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.* Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost; *R.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Thou shalt purge me...

Vidi Aquam *(from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost)*

I saw water, * proceeding out of the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one; and they say, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. *V.* Glory be... I saw water...

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; [alleluia]
R. **And grant us thy salvation. [alleluia]**
V. O Lord, hear my prayer;
R. **And let my cry come unto thee.**
V. The Lord be with you;
R. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God; and may it please Thee to send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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An Exhortation

This Exhortation may be used, in whole or in part, either during the Liturgy or at other times. It may also be used in place of an invitation to confession. It is customary that the Exhortation be said on the First Sunday in Advent, the First Sunday in Lent, and on Trinity Sunday.

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body.

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Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord. Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed; and acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace (and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God).

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The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said:
I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

After each commandment, the people respond

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

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A Penitential Order

The following may be used at the beginning of the Liturgy, if desired.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Decalogue, page 244, may be said, the people kneeling.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

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If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, [*and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort*] and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,

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which we from time to time most grievously have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

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or this

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done [*and there is no health in us*].
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us [*miserable offenders*],
spare thou those [*O God*] who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

When this Order is used at the beginning of the Liturgy, the service continues with the Kyrie eleison.

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The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

A hymn, Psalm, or anthem may be sung.
The people standing, the Celebrant may say

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Then the Ten Commandments (page 244) may be said, or the following

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Here is sung or said

Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us.	*or*	**Christe eleison.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.

in threefold or ninefold form, or this

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

When appointed, the following hymn is sung or said, in addition to, or in place of, the preceding, all standing.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

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O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from_____.

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A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.
After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or the Reader may say Here endeth the Reading (Epistle).

Silence may follow.

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to_____.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father (and the Son);
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.

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And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercession is offered according to the following form, or in one of the forms beginning on page 289.

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially_____], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially _____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially_____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [the Blessed Virgin Mary, _____and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

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Confession of Sin

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the confession may be omitted.

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following, or else the Exhortation on page 242.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, [*and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort,*] and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
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for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what St. Paul saith.
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
I Timothy 1:15

Hear also what St. John saith.
If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins (and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world).
I John 2:1-2

The Peace traditionally occurs following the Fraction; or, if desired, it may be said here. All stand, the Celebrant saying to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page 303, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

During the Offertory, a hymn, Psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Celebrant may then face the people and say

Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Alternate forms will be found beginning on page 269.

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed. The Prefaces are found on pages 282-288.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

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And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be ✠ filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

or the following if it has not been said earlier

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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The following, or some other suitable anthem, may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, [*that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and*] that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

or the following

✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

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Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **[Amen.]**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **[Amen.]**

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, Psalms, or anthems may be sung.

After Communion the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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Let us pray.

The People may join in saying one of the following prayers, or a proper post-communion prayer may be said

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

or in this form

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk

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in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

or this

The blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or the following

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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or this

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals and responses.

In some places it is customary to read the Last Gospel here. After the introduction, the people respond "Glory be to thee, O Lord." At the conclusion, the people respond "Thanks be to God."

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Alternative Forms of the Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

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The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks unto thee for the goodness and love which thou hast revealed unto us in creation; in the calling of Israel as thine own people; in thy Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, thy Son Jesus Christ. For in the fulness of time thou didst send him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, thou hast delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before thee. In him, thou hast brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks unto thee, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink ye all of this: For this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And according to his command, O Father, we offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, presenting unto thee from thy creation, O Lord of all, this bread and this cup.

We beseech thee, gracious Father, to send thy Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to thy Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. At the last day, put all things in subjection under thy Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with (the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed *N.*, and) all thy saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, to glorify thee, O Father, and to give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before all time and for ever.

Fountain of life and Source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

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✠ **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The People kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and upon any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: At supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks unto thee, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this: For this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me."

And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

Celebrant and People

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we give thanks to thee,
and we pray to thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

Remember, O Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

[Remember *N.*, our chief Bishop; *N.* (*and N.*), our Bishop(s); the reverend clergy of this parish; (*N.* and *N.*), and all who minister in thy Church.]

[Remember all thy people and those who seek thy truth.]

[Remember _____.]

[Remember (*N.*, and) all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to thee alone; bring them into the place of eternal happiness, joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with *N.*,) and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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Proper Prefaces

Preface of the Lord's Day

To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays

1. Of God the Father

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

or the following

2. Of God the Son

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

or this

3. Of God the Holy Spirit

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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Prefaces for Seasons

To be used on Sundays and weekdays alike, except as otherwise appointed for Holy Days and Various Occasions

Advent

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Incarnation

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Epiphany

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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or this

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Holy Week

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Ascension

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Pentecost

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down [on this day] from heaven,

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lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Prefaces for Other Occasions

Trinity Sunday

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Saints

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

A Saint

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

or this

Who in the obedience of thy saints hast given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

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or this

Because thou art greatly glorified in the assembly of thy saints. All thy creatures praise thee, and thy faithful servants bless thee, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of thine only Son.

Apostles and Ordinations

Through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages.

Dedication of a Church

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before thee a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in thy sight.

Baptism

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Marriage

Because in the love of wife and husband, thou hast given us an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her bridegroom, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who loveth her and gave himself for her, that he might make the whole creation new.

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Commemoration of the Dead

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

The following Prefaces may be used, if desired.

Of Christ the King

Because thou hast anointed thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord with the oil of gladness, to be a Priest for ever, and to be King over all mankind; that when he had rendered himself a spotless sacrifice of peace upon the Altar of the Cross, he might fulfill the mystery of our redemption; and having brought all creatures under his governance, might present unto thine infinite Majesty, a kingdom universal and everlasting; a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of sanctity and grace; a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

And that *on the Festival of* Joseph the blessed, we should praise, bless, and tell forth thy wonders; who being a righteous man was espoused to the Virgin Mother of God by thine appointment; a faithful and wise servant, made ruler of thy household; that in the office of a father he should guard thine only-begotten Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

And that *on the Festival of* Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, we should praise, bless, and tell forth thy wonders; in that by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, she conceived thine only-begotten Son, and without loss to the glory of her abiding maidenhood, brought forth for man the light eternal, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Of the Cross

Because, on the wood of the Cross, thou gavest mankind salvation; that so, whence death arose, life might also rise again: and that the foe, who by a tree had conquered, by this Tree might be overcome, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Of the Dedication

Who as the giver of all good things dwellest in this House of Prayer reared by human hands, and by the unceasing operation of thy grace dost sanctify the Church which thou thyself has founded. And verily thy Church is the true House of Prayer, of which these visible buildings are but the figures. It is the Temple of the habitation of thy glory, the Throne of unchanging truth, the Holy Place wherein everlasting love abideth. It is the Ark which bringeth us, who are delivered from the deluge of the world, into the haven of salvation. It is the beloved and only Bride which Christ hath purchased with his Blood and quickened by his Spirit; in whose bosom we, who have been regenerated by thy grace, are fed with the milk of the Word, are strengthened with the Bread of Life, and are comforted by the help of thy mercy. This is that Bride that on earth, being holpen by the Bridegroom, fighteth the good fight of faith, and being crowned by him in heaven, singeth the songs of triumphant joy.

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Prayers of the People

The following forms may be used in place of the Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church and the World, if desired.

Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city [town, village, _____], for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air (or through outer space), let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For _____, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have ✠ died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion [of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, and] of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord, our God.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I bid your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) _____; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I bid your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

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Silence

I bid your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I bid your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I bid your prayers for the ✠ departed [especially_____].
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I bid your prayers for _____.
I bid your thanksgivings for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Blessed _____ whom we remember this day].
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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Form III

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the ✠ departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for [the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed _____, and] all thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.
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Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another, and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly, in the service of others and to thine honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

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Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to thy mercy ✠ all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share [with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed _____, and] with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The service may continue with the Confession on page 256.

Form V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy" (or "Kyrie eleison").

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of thy coming, we pray to thee, O Lord.

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Here and after every petition the people respond

Lord, have mercy. *or* **Kyrie eleison.**

For *N.* our Chief Bishop, for *N. (N.)* our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in thee, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as thou and the Father are one, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness she may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust [especially _____], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For a blessing upon human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to thee, O Lord.

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For this congregation (for those who are present, and for those who are absent), that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth thy glory in all that we do, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For _____, we pray to thee, O Lord.

For all who have ✠ died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, (Blessed *N.*) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or this doxology:

For thine is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Form VI

The Leader and people pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of thy creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [*N.* our Chief Bishop, and *N.* (*N.*) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions.

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Hear us, O Lord;
For thy mercy is great.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life [especially for the faithful witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (of Blessed _____, whom we remember this day,) and of all thy saints].

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt thee, O God our King;
And praise thy Name for ever and ever.

We pray for ✠ all who have died, that they may have a place in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Lord, let thy loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in thee.

We pray to thee also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and people

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
(for we have sinned most grievously against thee;)
in thy compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,

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things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by thy Spirit
that we may live and serve thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or, if the Confession has not been said, with a suitable Collect.

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

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And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Collect at the Prayers

For the concluding Collect, the Celebrant selects (a) a Collect appropriate to the season or occasion being celebrated; (b) a Collect expressive of some special need in the life of the local congregation; (c) a Collect for the mission of the Church; (d) a general Collect such as the following:

Heavenly Father, thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray thee, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as thou knowest and lovest us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only that which is in accordance with thy will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness we cannot ask, grant us for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of thy people; in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to thee for help; for thou art gracious, O lover of souls, and to thee we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit hast made us one with thy saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by so great a witness to thy power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Offertory Sentences

One of the following, or some other appropriate sentence of Scripture, may be used

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *Romans12:1*

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remember that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. *Matthew 5:23,24*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *I Chronicles 29:11*

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An Order for the Communion of the Sick from the Reserved Sacrament

All kneel, except the sick person, as the minister enters the room with the Blessed Sacrament:

Minister Peace be to this house and to all who dwell in it.

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Minister Let us pray: Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God; and may it please thee to send thy Holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this habitation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If desired, the minister may read an appropriate passage of Scripture and comment on it briefly.

If the sick person desires to make a sacramental confession, it shall be done in private and the following confession and absolution shall be omitted. In extreme circumstances, the Confession and Absolution may be omitted.

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:

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**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister, if a priest, now pronounces absolution. If the minister is a deacon or layman, he now gives a declaration of forgiveness, substituting "us" and "our" for "you" and "your".

Minister

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: Have mercy upon *you*; ✠ pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins; confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness; and bring *you* to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Minister Let us pray: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

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Minister and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Then follows

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, [*that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through*

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***his most precious blood*, and] that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The minister shall administer the Blessed Sacrament, first saying the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

or the following

✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall he healed.

The Blessed Sacrament is then administered in one or both kinds, the minister saying

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

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Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Priest gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A deacon or layman says

The ✠ grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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Pastoral Offices

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Concerning Marriage

Holy Matrimony is unique. In the other Sacraments the priest pours the water on the child; he breaks the Bread; he anoints with oil; he says the words of pardon; the Bishop lays his hands on persons to be confirmed or ordained. But in Holy Matrimony it is the couple who *make* the Sacrament by *their* vows before God, who gives them the grace to keep them.

Marriage is not a party, it is not a feast, not a filming and not a parade. It is not a "doing something" event; it is very simply, very profoundly a *willing*. The bride and groom *will* to live according to God's Holy Word and ordinance. A summation of the teaching of Holy Scripture concerning Marriage is found at the end of the Order for Marriage (1549).

The courtship is easy, for then each party is free. But Marriage is not a competition; rather it is a joint operation, a cooperative enterprise, a partnership on equal terms. After the vows are exchanged the very hard work of married life, the endless (till death us do part) task, the nothing thought, the nothing said, the nothing done - without first considering the spouse - begins.

Marriage is a union which, like all Sacraments, has two aspects - one physical, the other spiritual. It is a marriage of bodies *and* minds: broader horizons to be glimpsed, new depths of insight to be followed, and surely joy, patience and love developed.

Each day is new; "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

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The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage

At the time appointed, the persons to be married, with their witnesses, assemble in the church or some other appropriate place. During their entrance, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

Then the Celebrant, facing the people and the persons to be married, with the woman to the right and the man to the left, addresses the congregation and says

Dearly beloved: We have come together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony. The bond and covenant of marriage was established by God in creation, and our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It signifieth unto us the mystery of the union betwixt Christ and his Church, and Holy Scripture commendeth it to be honored among all people.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord. Therefore marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union *N. N.* and *N. N.* now come to be joined. If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else for ever hold your peace.

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Then the Celebrant says to the persons to be married

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God, that if either of you know any reason why ye may not be united in marriage lawfully, and in accordance with God's Word, ye do now confess it.

The Declaration of Consent

The Celebrant says to the man

N., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful unto her as long as ye both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Celebrant says to the woman

N., wilt thou have this man to be thy husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful unto him as long as ye both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

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The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People **We will.**

If there is to be a presentation or a giving in marriage, it takes place at this time.

Celebrant Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Presenter(s) I do.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may follow.

The Ministry of the Word

The Celebrant then says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O gracious and everliving God, who hast created us male and female in thine image: Look mercifully upon this man and this woman who come unto thee seeking thy blessing, and so assist them with thy grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Then one or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.

Genesis 1:26-28 (Male and female he created them)
Genesis 2:4-9, 15-24 (A man cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh)
Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 (Many waters cannot quench love)
Tobit 8:5b-8 *(New English Bible)* (That she and I may grow old together)

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (Love is patient and kind)
Ephesians 3:14-19 (the Father from whom every family is named)
Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33 (Walk in love, as Christ loved us)
Colossians 3:12-17 (Love which binds everything together in harmony)
I John 4:7-16 (Let us love one another for love is of God)

Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are 67, 127, and 128.

When a passage from the Gospel is to be read, all stand, and the Deacon or Minister appointed says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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Matthew 5:1-10 (The Beatitudes)
Matthew 5:1-16 (You are the light...Let your light so shine)
Matthew 7:21, 24-29 (Like a wise man who built his house upon the rock)
Mark 10:6-9, 13-16 (They are no longer two but one)
John 15:9-12 (Love one another as I have loved you)

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

A homily or other response to the readings may follow.

The Marriage

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says

In the Name of God, I, *N.*, take thee, *N.*, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

In the Name of God, I, *N.*, take thee, *N.*, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

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The Priest may ask God's blessing on a ring or rings as follows

Bless, O Lord, *this ring* to be *a sign* of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The giver places the ring on the ring-finger of the other's hand and says

N., I give thee this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says

Now that *N.* and *N.* have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of *a ring*, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

People **Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer may be said, the Celebrant first saying "And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say...".
The Deacon or other person appointed reads the following prayers, to which the People respond, saying, Amen.

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Let us pray.

Eternal God, who art the creator and preserver of all life, the author of salvation, and the giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world thou hast made, and for which thy Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom thou dost make one flesh in Holy Matrimony. **Amen.**

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be unto the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in thy will, and their spirits in thy Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with thee and with one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek one another's forgiveness and thine. **Amen.**

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love unto this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. **Amen.**

Bestow upon them, if it be thy will, the gift and heritage of children, and the grace to bring them up to know thee, to love thee, and to serve thee. **Amen.**

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in love and concern for others. **Amen.**

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Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed. **Amen.**

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all thy children are united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by thy grace, that thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, thou livest and reignest in perfect unity, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Marriage

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says one of the following prayers

Most gracious God, we give thee thanks for thy tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank thee, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name. By the power of thy Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of thy blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in thy mercy, bring them to that table where thy saints feast for ever in thy heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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or this

O God, who hast so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity betwixt Christ and his Church: Send therefore thy blessing upon these thy servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant may say to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The newly married couple then greet each other, after which greetings may be exchanged throughout the congregation.

When Communion is not to follow, the wedding party leaves the church. A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

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At the Eucharist

The liturgy continues with the Offertory, at which the newly married couple may present the offerings of bread and wine.

Preface of Marriage

Communion of the People

At the Communion, it is appropriate that the newly married couple receive Communion first, after the ministers.

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the following is said

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give thee thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by thy Holy Spirit, *N.* and *N.*, now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As the wedding party leaves the church, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung; or instrumental music may be played.

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The Blessing of a Civil Marriage

The Rite begins as prescribed for celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, using the Collect and Lessons appointed in the Marriage service.

After the gospel (and homily), the husband and wife stand before the Celebrant, who addresses them in these or similar words

N., and *N.*, ye have come here today to seek the blessing of God and of his Church upon your marriage. I require, therefore, that ye promise, with the help of God, to fulfill the obligations which Christian Marriage demands.

The Celebrant then addresses the husband, saying

N., thou hast taken *N.* to be thy wife. Dost thou promise to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to her as long as ye both shall live?

The Husband answers I do.

The Celebrant then addresses the wife, saying

N., thou hast taken *N.* to be thy husband. Dost thou promise to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to him as long as ye both shall live?

The Wife answers I do.

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The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Will ye who have witnessed these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?

People **We will.**

If a ring or rings are to be blessed, the wife extends her hand (and the husband extends his hand) toward the Priest, who says

Bless, O Lord, *this ring* to be *a sign* of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant joins the right hands of the husband and wife and says

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

The Congregation responds **Amen.**

The service continues with The Prayers on page 316.

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Concerning the Service

The following is an adaptation of the Form of Solemnization of Matrimony from the First English Book of Common Prayer (1549). The service may be used in its entirety, or it may be used as a resource. The exhortation found at the end concerning the teaching of Holy Scripture on Marriage is particularly beneficial.

An Order for Marriage

At the time appointed, the persons to be married, with their witnesses, assemble in the church or some other appropriate place.

During their entrance, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.

Then the Celebrant, facing the people and the persons to be married, with the woman to the right and the man to the left, addresses the congregation and says

Dearly beloved friends: We are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the face of this congregation to join together this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony, which is an honorable estate instituted of God in paradise, in the time of man's innocence, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church, which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of Saint Paul

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to be honored among all men. It therefore is not to be entered into or undertaken unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly, to satisfy men's carnal lusts and appetites, like brute beasts that have no understanding, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God, duly considering the causes for which matrimony was ordained.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for the procreation of children, who are to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord and in praise of God. It was ordained also as a remedy against sin, and to avoid fornication, that such persons as be married might live chastely in matrimony and keep themselves undefiled members of Christ's body. Thirdly, it was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity.

Into this holy estate *N. N.* and *N. N.* come now to be joined. Therefore if any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined so together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

Then the Celebrant says to the persons to be married

I require and charge you both, here in the presence of God (as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed) that if either of you do know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, and in accordance with God's Word, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as be coupled together otherwise than God's word doth allow are not joined of God, neither is their marriage lawful.

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The Declaration of Consent

The Celebrant says to the man

N., wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only to her so long as you both shall live?

The Man answers

I will.

The Celebrant says to the woman

N., wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband; to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee only to him so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman answers

I will.

Then shall the Celebrant say

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Presenter(s) I do.

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The Marriage

The Man, facing the woman and taking her right hand in his, says

I, *N.*, take thee, *N.*, to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then they loose their hands, and the Woman, still facing the man, takes his right hand in hers, and says

I, *N.*, take thee, *N.*, to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

They loose their hands.

The Priest may bless the ring(s), after which the giver places the ring on the ring-finger of the other's hand and says

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the man and the woman kneel down; and the Celebrant shall say

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life: Send thy

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blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name, that as Isaac and Rebecca (after bracelets and jewels of gold given of the one to the other for tokens of their matrimony) lived faithfully together; so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, whereof *this ring* given and received, *is* a token and pledge. And may ever remain in perfect love and peace together; and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife and says

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Forasmuch as *N.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the same by the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce that they be Man and Wife together, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

And the Priest, or Bishop, if present, shall add this blessing

God the Father bless you. ✠ God the Son keep you: God the Holy Ghost lighten your understanding: The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction, and grace, that you may have remission of your sins in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Then shall be said or sung Psalm 128 or Psalm 67.

The man and woman kneeling before the altar the Celebrant shall say

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Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;

R. **But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

V. O Lord, save thy servant and thine handmaid;
R. **Who put their trust in thee.**
V. O Lord, send them help from thy holy place;
R. **And evermore defend them.**
V. Be unto them a tower of strength,
R. **From the face of their enemy.**
V. O Lord, hear our prayer.
R. **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Let us pray.

O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless these thy servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their minds, that whatsoever in thy holy word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfill the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them. And as thou didst send thy Angel Raphael to Tobias and Sara, the daughter of Raguel, to their great comfort; so vouchsafe to send thy blessing upon these thy servants, that they, obeying thy will and always being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their life's end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The prayer following shall be omitted where the woman is beyond child-bearing age.

O merciful Lord and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift mankind is increased: We beseech thee, assist with thy blessing these two persons, that they may both be fruitful in procreation of children, and also live together so long in godly love and honesty that they may see their children's children, unto the third and fourth generation, unto thy praise and honor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God who by thy mighty power hast made all things of naught, who also after other things set in order didst appoint that out of man (created after thine own image and similitude) woman should take her beginning, and, knitting them together, didst teach that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom thou by matrimony hadst made one. O God, who hast consecrated the state of matrimony to such an excellent mystery that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church, look mercifully upon these thy servants, that both this man may love his wife, according to thy word (as Christ did love his spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh) and also that this woman may be loving and amiable to her husband as Rachel, wise as Rebecca, faithful and obedient as Sara; and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly matrons. O Lord, bless them both and grant them to inherit thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest bless the man and the woman, saying

Almighty God, who at the beginning did create our first parents Adam and Eve, and did sanctify and join them together in marriage: pour upon you the richness of his grace, sanctify and

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✠ bless you, that ye may please him both in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end. **Amen.**

Then follows the Eucharist in the usual manner. The following exhortation declaring the teaching of Holy Scripture concerning Holy Matrimony may be read in place of a sermon.

All ye which be married, or which intend to take the holy estate of Matrimony upon you: Hear what Holy Scripture saith concerning the duty of husbands toward their wives, and wives toward their husbands.

Saint Paul, in the fifth chapter of his Epistle to the Ephesians, giveth this commandment to all married men:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church and hath given himself for it, to sanctify it, purging it in the fountain of water through the word, that he might make it unto himself a glorious congregation, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and blameless. So men are bound to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself. For never did any man hate his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord doth the Church, for we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This mystery is great, but I speak of Christ and the Church. Nevertheless let every one of you so love his own wife, even as himself.

Likewise, Saint Paul (writing to the Colossians) speaketh thus to all men that be married:

Men, love your wives and be not bitter unto them. [Coloss. 3]

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Hear also what Saint Peter the apostle of Christ, who was himself a married man, saith to all married men:

Husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as heirs together of the grace of life, so that your prayers are not hindered. [I Peter 3]

Hitherto you have heard the duty of the husband toward the wife. Now likewise, ye wives, hear and learn your duty toward your husbands, as it is plainly set forth in Holy Scripture:

Saint Paul (in the Epistle to the Ephesians) teacheth you thus:

Ye women submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church, and he also is the savior of the whole body. Therefore as the Church is subject to Christ, so likewise let the wives be in subjection unto their own husbands in all things. [Ephesians 5]

And again he saith

Let the wife reverence her husband.

And, in his Epistle to the Colossians, Saint Paul giveth you this short lesson:

Ye wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. [Coloss. 3]

Saint Peter also instructeth you in a truly godly manner, saying,

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Let wives be subject to their own husbands, so that if any do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives when they behold your chaste conduct, coupled with fear. Let not your adornment be merely outward, with embroidery and trimming of gold and the putting on of gorgeous apparel, but let the hidden person in the heart be without corruption, so that the spirit is mild and quiet, which is a precious thing in the sight of God. For after this manner, in the old time, did the holy women who trusted in God clothe themselves, being subject to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You are her daughters, if you do well and are not dismayed with any fear. [I Peter 3]

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Concerning The Thanksgiving for a Child

The first commandment given by God to man was, "Be fruitful and multiply..." (Genesis 1:28). Procreation and the accompanying care of children is a sacred gift and responsibility calling for a human, religious act of thanksgiving.

Having its origin in the Jewish purification rituals (Leviticus 12) and in the Gospel account of the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the temple in Jerusalem (Luke 2:22-38), this pastoral office of the Church provides parents and other family members and friends with a service in which prayers, praise, and thanksgiving may be offered to Almighty God for the gift of a child. The service is an opportunity for a mother to give thanks for a safe delivery from the dangers and pain of childbirth. Whether by birth or adoption, a child is a merciful gift of a loving Father who calls us to be stewards of life itself.

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child

As soon as convenient after the birth of a child the parents, with other members of the family, should come to the church to be welcomed by the congregation and to give thanks to Almighty God.

A passage from Scripture may first be read. Either Luke 2:41-51, or Luke 18:15-17, is appropriate.

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The Celebrant addresses the congregation in these or similar words

Dear Friends in Christ: The birth of a child is a joyous and solemn occasion in the life of a family. It is also an occasion for rejoicing in the Christian community. I bid you, therefore, to join this family in giving thanks to Almighty God our heavenly Father, the Lord of all life, for the gift of this child, *N.* Let us say together:

Magnificat

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

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The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God, who hast taught us through thy blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thee thanks for the blessing thou hast bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of thy presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may then say to the Mother

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, of his goodness, to give thee safe deliverance, and to preserve thee in the great danger of childbirth; thou shalt therefore give hearty thanks unto God, saying

All join with the Celebrant and the Mother in the following

My delight is in the Lord; *
because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; *
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the Lord; *
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; *
yea, our God is merciful.
What reward shall I give unto the Lord *
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

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I will receive the cup of salvation, *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people, *
in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Then shall the Celebrant say

Let us pray: O Almighty God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of childbirth, this woman, thy servant, who desireth now to offer her praises and thanksgivings unto thee. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that she, through thy help, may faithfully live according to thy will in this life, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, that the child of these thy servants may daily increase in wisdom and stature, and grow in thy love and service, until *he* come to thy eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may then bless the family saying,

May God the Father, who by baptism hath adopted you as his children, grant you his grace; may God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with his love; may God the Holy Ghost, who hath united you in one family, keep you in his peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Peace may be exchanged.

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Thanksgiving for the Adoption of a Child

As soon as convenient after the adoption of a child the parents, with other members of the family, should come to the church to be welcomed by the congregation and to give thanks to Almighty God.

A passage from Scripture may first be read. Luke 18:15-17 is appropriate.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation in these or similar words

Dear Friends in Christ: It has pleased God our heavenly Father to answer the earnest prayers of this Christian family for the gift of a child. I bid you join with them in offering heartfelt thanks for the joyful and solemn responsibility which is theirs by the coming of *N.* to be a member of their family.

The Celebrant first asks the parents

Do you take this child for your own?
Parents I do.

Then if the child is old enough to answer, the Celebrant asks

N., do you take this woman as your mother?
Child I do.

Celebrant Do you take this man as your father?
Child I do.

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Then the Celebrant, holding or taking the child by the hand, gives the child to the mother or father, saying

As God the Father hath made us his children by adoption and grace, may you receive *N.* as your own son (daughter).

Then one or both parents say these or similar words

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, bless this child *N.*, and us; and may our name be named upon him that we may live together in love and affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Since it hath pleased God to bestow upon this family the gift of a child, let us now give thanks to him, and say together:

Magnificat

✠ **My soul doth magnify the Lord, ***
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.

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He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: O God, who hast taught us through thy blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thee thanks for the blessing thou hast bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of thy presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, that the child of these thy servants may daily increase in wisdom and stature, and grow in thy love and service, until *he* come to thy eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Celebrant may then bless the family saying,

May God the Father, who by baptism hath adopted you as his children, grant you his grace; may God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with his love; may God the Holy Ghost, who hath united you in one family, keep you in his peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Peace may be exchanged.

Additional Prayers

For Families

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy wondrous holiness didst adorn a human home, and by thy subjection to Mary and Joseph didst consecrate the order of earthly families: Grant that we, being enlightened by the example of their life with thee in thy holy family and assisted by their prayers, may at last be joined with them in thine eternal fellowship; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the

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children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Gift of a Child

Heavenly Father, who didst send thine own Son into this world: We thank thee for the life of this child, *N.*, entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all thy children, and so to love and nurture *him*, that *he* may attain to that full stature intended for *him* in thy eternal kingdom; for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Concerning Reconciliation or Confession

The power to forgive sins was given to the Church by our risen Lord on the first evening of Easter: "Jesus breathed on the disciples, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" (John 20:22-23) At the heart of the Gospel is the call to repentance, the call to turn from sin toward God. (Mark 1:14-15) In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have the means for forgiveness of sin committed after Baptism.

In its essence, Penance is something extremely simple - we kneel beside another and confess to God our sins, laying bare the real failures of every day which honest thinking compels us to admit. A confession is not a portrait of vague disgust with ourselves, but revealing those concrete occasions in which we have sinned. Confession and the granting of God's forgiveness, or Absolution, not only gives us, but also compels us to seek a new and enriched relationship with the Savior of the world, with our neighbors, and with ourselves. By our penance, we enter into the joy of our Lord.

The four stages of this Sacrament of the Gospel of grace are: *Contrition*, or sorrow for our sins. By careful self-examination, we know what our sins are and the extent to which we have offended God's love and goodness. *Confession*: we own up to our sins simply, honestly, and completely. We make our confession to a Priest as a minister of God and as a representative of his holy Church. *Absolution*: God washes away the stain of sin from our souls and gives us strength to resist sin in the future. *Satisfaction*: we do our penance as a sign that we will try to do God's holy will in the future, resolving not to sin again, by the help of God's grace.

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Reconciliation of a Penitent or Confession

The Penitent, kneeling, begins

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

The Priest says

The Lord be in thy heart and upon thy lips, that thou mayest truly and humbly confess all thy sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Penitent

I confess to Almighty God, to his Church, and to thee Father, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed, in things done and left undone; especially since my last confession, which was _____, I have committed these sins: _____. For these and all other sins which I cannot now remember, I am truly sorry. I pray God to have mercy upon me. I firmly intend amendment of life, and I humbly beg forgiveness of God and his Church, and I ask thee for penance, counsel, and absolution.

Here the Priest may offer counsel, direction, and comfort.

The Priest then pronounces this absolution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive thee all thine offenses; and by his authority

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committed unto me, I absolve thee from all thy sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

or this

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who offered himself to be sacrificed for us to the Father, and who conferred power on his Church to forgive sins, ✠ absolve thee through my ministry by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and restore thee in the perfect peace of the Church. **Amen.**

The Priest adds

The Lord hath put away all thy sins.

Penitent Thanks be to God.

The Priest concludes

Go (*or* abide) in peace, and pray for me, a sinner.

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Another Form for Confession

The Penitent, kneeling, begins:

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

The Priest responds:

The Lord be in thy heart and upon thy lips, that so thou mayest worthily confess all thy sins; In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Penitent then makes his Confession, using the following or a similar formula:

I confess to Almighty God, to all the Saints, and to thee, Father, that I have sinned very much, in thought, word, deed, and omission, by my own great fault. Since my last confession which was _____, when I received absolution and performed my penance, I have committed these sins:

He confesses his sins and continues:

For these and all other sins which I cannot now remember, I am very sorry. I will try to do better, and I humbly ask pardon of God; and of you Father, I ask for penance, advice and absolution. Amen.

After the Confession is ended, the Priest may address a few words of counsel to the penitent, and will then assign a suitable penance.

Penance having been enjoined and accepted, the Priest shall say

Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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The Almighty and merciful Lord grant thee pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of thy sins. **Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive thee thine offenses: And by his authority committed unto me, I absolve thee from all thy sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

May the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merits of his holy Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the Saints, together with whatsoever good thou hast done, or evil thou hast endured, be unto thee for the forgiveness of sins, the increase of grace, and the reward of eternal life: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee and remain with thee always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, the Lord hath put away all thy sins. And pray for me, a sinner.

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Concerning Healing and the Laying on of Hands

The Church's ministry to those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit is commanded by Holy Scripture (James 5:14-16). It is also understood as the continuation of the ministry of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, into whose Body we are grafted by our Baptism. The Church's sacramental ministry to the sick includes Confession and Absolution, Unction (anointing with blessed oil), and Holy Communion together with prayer and the Laying on of Hands. Our Lord often touched those whom he healed, and even modern social science acknowledges the healing power of touch.

When the healing sacraments are administered to a sick person, with prayer, both the Church's Minister and the sick person will approach the ministry with faith in the reality of God's action through Christ. The sick person, by faith, places himself in God's hands to receive whatever He may give. To not believe in the power of God to heal is to become an obstacle to His desire to heal. However, such faith, and even sacramental ministries, are not spiritual *magic*, nor some attempt to manipulate the supernatural power of the Holy Trinity. God does act, but in His own way and in His own time. We are certain, however, through the witness of Jesus Christ, of God's love and compassion, and His desire for the salvation of every soul: a desire to make whole or perfect that which is ill or broken.

While the medical profession concentrates on the physical side of a human being, the Church concentrates on the spiritual side. These are not mutually exclusive ministries, however, but equally important parts of God's care of His people. It is incumbent upon all Christians in need to seek healing of mind and soul, as well as body, and equally to seek God's will in the midst of suffering and illness. Ministry to the sick, of course, also involves ministry to the dying; and for the Christian, this involves preparation for death with the promise of eternal life.

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Ministration to the Sick

In case of illness, the Priest is to be notified.

The service of Communion of the Sick may be found on page 304.

If desired, the Laying on of Hands and Anointing may take place either after the Prayers of the People or after the Post-Communion prayer before the Blessing at services of Holy Communion. They may also occur as a separate ministration.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

If oil for the Anointing of the Sick is to be blessed, the Priest says

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send thy Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as thy holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The following anthem may be said

Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The Priest then lays hands upon those who desire it and says one of the following

N., I lay my hands upon thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain thee with his presence, to drive away all

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sickness of body and spirit, and to give thee that victory of life and peace which will enable thee to serve him both now and evermore. **Amen.**

or this

N., I lay my hands upon thee in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold thee and fill thee with his grace, that thou mayest know the healing power of his love. **Amen.**

or this

N., I lay my hands upon thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; beseeching the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all thy pain and sickness of body, mind, and spirit being put to flight, the blessing of health may be restored unto thee. **Amen.**

If the person is to be anointed, the Priest dips a thumb in the holy oil, and makes the sign of the cross on the sick person's forehead, saying

N., I anoint thee with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest may add

As thou art outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father grant thee the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive thee thy sins, release thee from suffering, and restore thee to wholeness and strength. May he deliver thee from all evil, preserve thee in all goodness, and bring thee to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Priest concludes

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore thy defense, and make thee know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Here a blessing and dismissal may be given.

Prayers for the Sick

For a Sick Person

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant *N.* for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Recovery from Sickness

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to thy servant *N.* the help of thy power, that *his* sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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or this

O God of heavenly powers, who, by the might of thy command, drivest away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in thy goodness with thy servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that, *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For a Sick Child

Heavenly Father, watch with us over thy child *N.*, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is thine alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, who gatherest the lambs in thy arms and carriest them in thy bosom: We commend to thy loving care this child *N.* Relieve *his* pain, guard *him* from all danger, restore to *him* thy gifts of gladness and strength, and raise *him* up to a life of service to thee. Hear us, we pray, for thy dear Name's sake. **Amen.**

Before an Operation

Almighty God our heavenly Father, graciously comfort thy servant *N.* in *his* suffering, and bless the means provided for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence that, though at times *he* may be afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

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Strengthen thy servant *N.*, O God, to do what *he* has to do and bear what *he* has to bear; that, accepting thy healing gifts through the skill of surgeons and nurses, *he* may be restored to service in thy world with a thankful heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Strength and Confidence

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servant *N.*, and give thy power of healing to those who minister to *his* needs, that *he* may be strengthened in *his* weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Sanctification of Illness

Sanctify, we beseech thee, O Lord,the sickness of this thy servant; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance; and grant that *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Despondent

Comfort, we beseech thee, most gracious God, this thy servant, cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world; and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, *he* may be enabled to go upon *his* way rejoicing, and give thee continual thanks for thy sustaining providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Doctors and Nurses

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom thou hast called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease

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and pain. Strengthen them by thy life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and thy creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for a Beginning of Recovery

O Lord, thy compassions never fail and thy mercies are new every morning: We give thee thanks for giving our *brother, N.* both relief from pain and hope of health renewed. Continue in *him*, we pray, the good work thou hast begun; that *he*, daily increasing in bodily strength, and rejoicing in thy goodness, may so order *his* life and conduct that *he* may always think and do those things that please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for use by a Sick Person

For Trust in God

O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with calm faith in thee, that with patient hope I may allow thy love to heal me; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Pain

Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy patience in suffering, didst both sanctify earthly pain and give us the example of obedience to thy Father's will: When I am weak and in pain, be near me; when I doubt, invite me to touch thy wounds; when I am ill, heal me according to thy will; and whatever the circumstances, grant that I may acknowledge thee my Lord and my God, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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For Sleep

O heavenly Father, who givest thy beloved sleep: Keep me, I beseech thee, in that perfect peace which thou hast promised to those whose minds are stayed on thee; that in the hours of silence I may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

In the Morning

O Lord, who dost see the end from the beginning: Grant that I may be ready for whatever this day may bring forth; if I am to stand up, that I may stand bravely; if I am to sit still, that I may sit quietly; if I am to lie down, that I may do it patiently; if I am to do nothing, that I do it as an offering to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Appropriate Psalms for use by sick persons in their devotions include Psalm 20, 27, 42, 43, 91, 103, 121, 138, and 146.

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Ministration at the Time of Death

When a person is near death, the Priest should be notified, in order that the ministrations of the Church may be provided.

Prayers at the Time of Death

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; we humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Savior; beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted, through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and merciful God, who bestowest upon mankind both the remedies of health and the gifts of life everlasting: Look mercifully upon thy servant *N.*, now laboring under great weakness of body, and comfort the soul which thou hast created; so that at the hour of *his* departure, *he* may be presented without spot by the hands of thy holy Angels unto thee, *his* Creator. Through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. **Amen.**

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For a dying child

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, who for our sakes didst become a babe in Bethlehem: We commit unto thy loving care this child whom thou art calling to thyself. Send thy holy angel to lead *him* gently to those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in thee have perpetual peace and joy, and fold *him* in the everlasting arms of thine unfailing love; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen.**

Entering the sick person's room, the Priest shall say

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell in it.

Then he may sprinkle the sick person and others present with holy water, saying

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Litany at the Time of Death

O God the Father,
Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

O God the Son,
Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

O God the Holy Ghost;
Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

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From all evil, from all sin, from all tribulation;
Good Lord, deliver *him*.

By thy holy Incarnation, by thy Cross and Passion, by thy precious Death and Burial;
Good Lord, deliver *him*.

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;
Good Lord, deliver *him*.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; that it may please thee to deliver the soul of thy servant from the power of the evil one, and from eternal death;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee mercifully to pardon all *his* sins.
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant *him* a place of refreshment and everlasting blessedness;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give *him* joy and gladness in thy kingdom, with thy saints in light;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon *him*.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon *him*.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
Grant *him* thy peace.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father...

Let us pray: O Sovereign Lord, who desirest not the death of a sinner; we beseech thee to loose the spirit of this thy servant from every bond, and set *him* free from all evil; that *he* may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Here the Priest may say

The almighty and merciful Lord grant thee ✠ pardon and remission of all thy sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If Holy Unction is desired, it may follow here, the form for anointing on page 349, or the following, any of which may be omitted for reasonable cause.

At the eyes (which should be closed)

By this holy Unction, and by his most gracious mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by seeing. Amen.

At the ears

By this holy Unction, and by his most gracious mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by hearing. Amen.

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At the nostrils

By this holy Unction, and by his most gracious mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by smelling. Amen.

At the lips (which should be closed)

By this holy Unction, and by his most gracious mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by tasting and speaking. Amen.

At the hands

By this holy Unction, and by his most gracious mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by touching. Amen.

At the feet

By this holy Unction, and by his most gracious mercy, the Lord pardon thee whatsoever thou hast done amiss by walking. Amen.

A Commendation at the Time of Death

Depart, O Christian soul, out of this world;
In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created thee;
In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed thee;
In the Name of the Holy Ghost who sanctifieth thee.
[*In communion with the blessed saints, and aided by angels and archangels, thrones and dominations, principalities and powers, and all the armies of the heavenly host:*]
May thy rest be this day in peace,
and thy dwelling place in the Paradise of God.

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A Commendatory Prayer

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the soul of thy servant, *N.*, now departed from the body. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

✠ May *his* soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Here may be added

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of thy servants who mourn. Remember them, Lord, in thy mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Concerning Christian Death and Burial

From the beginning of the Church, Christian burial has been an important and integral part of catholic *life*. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ put an end to the power of death; thus followers of the Good Shepherd believe that death is but the entrance to new and eternal life with Him. We hope for the final resurrection; and for the body which awaits that resurrection we show a proper reverence.

For one who has lived in Christ and with Christ, death is the beginning of eternal joy with our God and Father. Since the Holy Eucharist is the Church's principal offering of sacrifice, prayer, and praise, it is most appropriate that a Mass of Requiem be celebrated in connection with every Christian's death. This liturgy is a service of thanksgiving (*eucharistia*) to God for His redemption of an earthly life that has come to an end. It is equally a commitment of one we love to the mercies of God in the faith that He will preserve our loved one in peace. It is an offering in which joy and sorrow are mixed, for while we say an earthly farewell, we know that the dead live in Christ. The Mass points us to the One in whom there is life, for in it we "do show the Lord's death till he come." (I Cor. 11:26)

A Requiem is a testament of triumph and hope, for those of us who remain know that we also journey toward the same eternal home. In the communion of saints we, the Church on earth, are joined with the Church Triumphant and Expectant in worshiping before the same Throne of Grace. In the Holy Eucharist, which transcends all time and space, we are closest to our faithful departed loved ones, joining our prayers and praises to theirs. We pray for them, as we believe that they pray for us, so that all may be strengthened in their lives of service.

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The Requiem Mass

At the entrance of the ministers, one or more of the following anthems are sung or said

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

or the following Introit

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. (Psalm 65) Thou, O God, art praised in Zion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem: thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Rest eternal...

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Then may be sung or said

Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us.	*or*	**Christe eleison.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.

The Celebrant says one of the following Collects, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Let us pray.

At the Burial of an Adult or at a votive Requiem

or one of the prayers beginning on page 141 may be used.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant(s) *N.*, and grant *him* an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

At the Burial of a Child

O God, whose beloved Son did take little children into his arms and bless them: Give us grace, we beseech thee, to entrust this child *N.* to thy never-failing care and love, and bring us all to thy heavenly kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

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A Reading (Lesson) from_____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.
After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or the Reader may say Here endeth the Reading (Epistle).

The following Gradual, Tract, and the Sequence Dies Irae *are sung, or some other suitable Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading. The King James version of Psalm 23 may be found on page 381.*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance: he will not be afraid of any evil tidings.

Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed: from every chain of sin. And by the help of thy grace, may they be worthy to escape the judgment of condemnation: and attain the fruition of everlasting light.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to_____.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

A homily may be preached, the people being seated.

Then is said the following form of the Prayers of the People, the Deacon, or other Leader saying

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

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Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust *N.* to thy never-failing love; receive *him* into the arms of thy mercy, and remember *him* according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, *he* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed *N.* and] all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Confession of Sin may be said here, the Deacon or Celebrant saying

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking

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from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, [*and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort*,] and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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or this

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace traditionally occurs following the Fraction; or, if desired, it may be said here. All stand, the Celebrant saying to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

At the Offertory, the following or some other suitable hymn, psalm, or anthem may be said or sung

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O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Majesty, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the hand of hell, and from the pit of destruction: deliver them from the lion's mouth, that the grave devour them not; that they go not down to the realms of darkness: but let Michael, the holy standard-bearer, make speed to restore them to the brightness of glory: which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed. Sacrifice and prayer do we offer to thee, O Lord: do thou accept them for the souls departed, in whose memory we make this oblation: and grant them, Lord, to pass from death unto life: which thou hast promised in ages past to Abraham and his seed.

The Celebrant may then face the people and say

Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Alternate forms will be found beginning on page 269.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

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Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

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And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be ✠ filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

Here may be added

Remember, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace, [*N.* (and *N.*)]. We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. And vouchsafe to give unto us some portion and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs..., and with all thy Saints; within whose fellowship we beseech thee to admit us.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season.

or the following

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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The following is then sung or said

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest eternal.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, [*that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood*, and] that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

or the following

✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

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Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. During the ministration of Communion, the following, or other suitable hymns, Psalms, or anthems may be sung.

May light eternal shine, O Lord, upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them, for endless ages with thy blessed ones, for thou art gracious.

After Communion the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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If the body is not present, the service continues with the following dismissal. If the body is present, unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used, or the Absolution of the Dead, page 378.

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Priest May they rest in peace.
People **Amen.**

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant(s) with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."
All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant(s) with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

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Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the soul of thy servant *N.* Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The people are dismissed in the following manner

Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Priest	May they rest in peace.
People	**Amen.**

As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be sung or said

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Into paradise may the angels lead thee; and at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. [*May the choirs of angels receive thee, and mayest thou, with Lazarus once poor, have everlasting rest.*]

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Absolution of the Dead

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. The Celebrant then says

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified, unless thou grant him remission of all his sins. We therefore beseech thee, let not the sentence of thy judgment press hard upon him, whom the reasonable prayer of thy faithful Christian people commendeth unto thee: but grant that by the succor of thy grace, he who while living was sealed with the sign of the Holy Trinity, may be counted worthy to escape thine avenging judgment. Who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

This Responsory is then sung or said.

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal in that day of trembling: when heaven and earth shall be shaken: when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

V. Trembling taketh hold upon me, and fearfulness, as the sifting draweth on and the wrath to come: when heaven and earth shall be shaken.

R. Ah, that day, that day of anger, of calamity and misery; ah that great day, and exceeding bitter! When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

V. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deliver me, O Lord...

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The Priest having put incense into the censer and blessed it, the following is said

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

And the Priest says aloud:

Our Father:

While the Lord's Prayer is being silently repeated, the Priest goes around the bier, sprinkling it with holy water thrice on each side; in like manner, he censes it thrice on each side, and then says aloud

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. **But deliver us from evil.**
V. From the gate of hell.
R. **Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.**
V. May *he* rest in peace.
R. **Amen.**
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. **And let my cry come unto thee.**
V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And with thy spirit.**
Let us pray.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: receive our humble petitions, for the soul of thy servant *N.* (thine handmaid *N.*), whom thou hast bidden to depart out of this world: deliver *him* not into the hand of the enemy, neither forget *him* forever; but command thy holy Angels to receive *him* and bring *him* into the country of paradise; that forasmuch as *he* hoped and believed in thee, *he*

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may not suffer the pains of hell, but possess the joys of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the Priest, making the sign of the cross over the bier, says

V. Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord.
R. **And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.**
V. May *he* rest in peace.
R. **Amen.**

Again making the sign of the cross over the bier, the Priest says

May *his* soul, ✠ and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

While the body is being borne from the church to the grave, the following anthem may be said or sung

May the Angels lead thee into Paradise; and the Martyrs receive thee and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. May the choirs of Angels receive thee, and mayest thou, with Lazarus once poor, have everlasting rest.

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Psalm 23 *King James Version*

The Lord is my Shepherd; *
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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The Committal

At the grave or other place of interment, the following anthem is sung or said

Man, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

or this

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also quicken our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

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Then, while earth is cast upon the coffin, the Celebrant says these words

Unto almighty God, we commend the soul of *N.*, our *brother* departed, we commit *his body to the ground*; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord; at whose coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed, and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Then may be said or sung

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, (Write:) From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors.

Here may follow the Benedictus Dominus Deus

✠ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,

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That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord:
And let light pertepual shine upon *him*.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, (Write:) From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest may sprinkle the body or ashes with holy water. Then he may say

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In place of this prayer, or in addition to it, the Celebrant may use any of the Additional Prayers.

Then may be said

Rest eternal grant unto *him*, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

May *he* rest in peace. **Amen.**

✠ May *his* soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

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Additional Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Grant this, O Father, for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend thy servant *N.*, our dear *brother*, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Savior, beseeching thee that *he* may be precious in thy sight. Wash *him*, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that, whatsoever defilements *he* may have contracted in the midst of this earthly life being purged and done away, *he* may be

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presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Remember thy servant, O Lord, according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, *he* may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give thee thanks for all thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence; and give us such a lively sense of thy righteous will, that the work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, father of mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death; grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A Commemoration of the Saints and Faithful Departed

Let us commemorate before God the saints and faithful departed.

V. The righteous live for evermore;
R. **Their reward also is with the Lord.**

O God, the King of saints, we praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course in thy faith and fear; for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all other thy righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Concerning Confirmation

Confirmation is a necessary Sacrament wherein the Bishop, a direct descendant of Christ's Apostles, bestows the empowering gifts of the Holy Ghost for a life of ministry as Christ's servant. Confirmation can also be seen as an extension of Baptism, as an adult acceptance of promises, usually made by parents and godparents on behalf of an infant.

At this stage in the Church's life there are at least two different ways of understanding Confirmation and its place in Christian life. One view holds that it is properly understood as a part of Baptism. It is then understood as an adult profession of faith in the presence of the Bishop, which does not add to the grace already received in the font. It is simply an important opportunity for those baptized in tender years to "own" their faith.

At the same time, this view has not been universally accepted, and some bishops in particular wish to stress the necessity of Confirmation as an independent Sacrament. It is considered to be a vital sacramental connection with the laity and their Bishop by which the gifts of the Spirit are bestowed, confirming and strengthening the grace received in Baptism.

Perhaps the most fruitful way to understand the Sacrament of Confirmation is to see it in connection with our appreciation of the ministry of the laity. Confirmation confers the particular gifts of the Holy Spirit to the lay person, to enable and equip him for the fullness of his particular ministry as an adult lay

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member of Christ's Body, the Church. It is then a kind of "ordination to the laity." As in his ordination a Deacon, Priest, or Bishop receives the promise of God's grace to fulfill that particular ministry, so also in Confirmation the layman receives that which he needs to fulfill his ministry. This need not, of course, imply that Baptism is in any way incomplete in the incorporation of the Christian into Christ. Rather, it takes seriously, in a spiritual and sacramental way, the ministry to which all are called.

Confirmation

with forms for Reception and for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. If desired, the service may begin with the Penitential Order, page 245.

The people standing, the Bishop may say

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Bishop ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

In Lent and on other penitential occasions

Bishop ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

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The Bishop then continues

	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	**There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	**One God and Father of all.**

Bishop	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Bishop	Let us pray.

Here may follow the Collect for Purity, the Summary of the Law, Kyrie eleison, and Gloria in excelsis Deo. Then, in the usual manner, the Collect of the Day, Lessons, Gospel, and Sermon.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

or I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

or I present *these persons* who *desire* to reaffirm *their* baptismal vows.

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The Bishop asks the candidates

Dost thou reaffirm thy renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Dost thou renew thy commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation saying

Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Dost thou believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

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born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

Bishop Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?
People **I believe in the Holy Ghost,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Bishop Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Bishop Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, by God's help.**

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Bishop Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all men, loving thy neighbor as thyself?
People **I will, by God's help.**

Bishop Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all men, and respect the dignity of every person?
People **I will, by God's help.**

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open *their hearts* to thy grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill *them* with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to thy love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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The Bishop then says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank thee that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us to thyself, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in *these* thy *servants* the covenant that thou hast made with *them* at their Baptism. Send *them* forth in thy Holy Spirit to perform the service that thou dost set before *them*; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then may the Bishop say

Almighty and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins: Strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, thy servant *N.* with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thine everlasting Kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we do acknowledge thee as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we do receive thee into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve, and keep thee, now and ever more. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Ghost, who hath begun a good work in thee, direct and uphold thee in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

the Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand be ever over *these* thy *servants*; let thine Holy Ghost ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that *they* may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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or the following

Almighty and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good, and acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty; we make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants, upon whom, after the example of thy holy Apostles, we have now laid our hands, to certify them, by this sign, of thy favor and gracious goodness towards them. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Peace may now be exchanged.

The service then continues with the Offertory of the Eucharist, page 259.

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Concerning Holy Orders

The Anglican Church, while deeply influenced by many of the principles of the Reformation, has carefully maintained the historic threefold order of catholic Christian ministry - *Bishop, Priest, and Deacon.* It understands this order as a gift to the Church from above, directly flowing from the ministry of Christ. Bishops, in their apostolic work of ordaining other bishops, priests, and deacons, solemnly invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit. The authority of this ministry is not of man, but of God.

The Ordinal, as this part of the Prayer Book is called, has frequently been a controversial issue for the Church. In every age, a distinctive part of the Church's ministry tends to be emphasized, sometimes at the expense of other elements. At times the priesthood has been understood solely in terms of the offering of the Mass; it is reduced by some to one of the so-called helping professions.

The traditional Anglican Ordinal avoids such one-sided views of the ordained ministry. It seeks to awaken in the Church's self-understanding a vision of ministry that is Apostolic, founded directly upon New Testament teaching and established in the work of the early Church fathers. In particular, the Ordinal stresses the work of preaching and teaching the Gospel, caring for the spiritual needs of the people, and abiding faithfully in the fellowship of Christ and the Apostles.

While the services which follow represent in all essential matters the authorized forms in the Book of Common Prayer, they also restore several traditional elements from earlier Anglican and other Western Ordinals. The Litany of Saints

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reminds us of the *cloud of witnesses* which surrounds and upholds in a special sense those who are set apart for the work of God. The ordination prayer beginning "Almighty God, and heavenly Father, ..." is the classical Anglican expression of the dignity and divine origin of the apostolic calling. The "tradition of the instruments," the ceremony of vesting the newly ordained with the instruments of his work is here expanded to its historic fullness.

Ordination of a Priest

A hymn may be sung as the procession enters. The Bishop may be received in the traditional manner with the form found on page 692. The people standing, the Bishop may say

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

or, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Bishop ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

or, in Lent and on other penitential occasions

Bishop ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth forever.**

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The Bishop then says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presentation

The Bishop and people sit. Priests and Lay persons, standing before the Bishop, present the Ordinand, saying

N., Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of *N.*, we present unto thee *N.N.* to be ordained a priest in Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

Bishop

Has he been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do ye believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters

We certify to thee that he has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe him to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the Ordinand

Wilt thou be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And wilt thou, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey thy bishop and other ministers who may have authority over thee and thy work?

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The Ordinand responds

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

The Ordinand then signs this Declaration in the sight of all present.

All now stand. The Bishop says to the people

Beloved in Christ, ye know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting *N.* for ordination to the sacred priesthood. Therefore if anyone knoweth any impediment or notable crime in this person presented for which we ought not to proceed, let him come forth in the Name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

If no objection is made, the bishop continues

Is it your will that *N.* be ordained a priest?

The People respond

It is.

Bishop

Will ye uphold him in this ministry?

The People respond

We will.

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The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with one of the following or similar words

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

or

Dearly beloved, let us pray that God the Almighty Father will send his manifold gifts from heaven to this servant of his, whom he hath chosen for the Office of Priesthood, and will help him to accomplish the task he hath permitted him to undertake.

All kneel.

The Litanist begins the following, the Litany for Ordinations which is found on page 420, or some other approved litany.

The Litany of Saints

Kyrie, eleison — **Kyrie, eleison**
Christe, eleison — **Christe, eleison**
Kyrie, eleison — **Kyrie, eleison**

O God, the Father of heaven,
Have mercy upon us.
O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful,
Have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, One God.
Have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary, **pray for us.**
Holy Mother of God, **pray for us.**

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Holy Virgin of Virgins, **pray for us.**
Holy Michael, **pray for us.**
Holy Gabriel, **pray for us.**
Holy Raphael, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Angels and Archangels, **pray for us.**
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits, **pray for us.**
Holy John Baptist, **pray for us.**
Holy Joseph, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets, **pray for us.**
Holy Peter, **pray for us.**
Holy Paul, **pray for us.**
Holy Andrew, **pray for us.**
Holy John, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord, **pray for us.**
Holy Clement, **pray for us.**
Holy Stephen, **pray for us.**
Holy Lawrence, **pray for us.**
Holy Vincent, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Martyrs, **pray for us.**
Holy Sylvester, **pray for us.**
Holy Gregory, **pray for us.**
Holy Augustine, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Doctors, **pray for us.**
Holy Anthony, **pray for us.**
Holy Benedict, **pray for us.**
Holy Dominic, **pray for us.**
Holy Francis, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Priests and Levites, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Monks and Hermits, **pray for us.**
Holy Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.**
Holy Agnes, **pray for us.**
Holy Cecilia, **pray for us.**
Holy Anastasia, **pray for us.**

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Holy Catherine, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Virgins and Widows, **pray for us.**
All ye holy Saints of God, **intercede for us.**

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord; and that it may please thee to grant peace to the whole world, and to thy Church;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to sanctify and bless thy holy Church throughout the world;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with love of thee and of thy truth;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue all Ministers of thy Church with devotion to thy glory and to the salvation of souls;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless this thy servant, now to be admitted to the Order of Priest, and to pour thy grace upon him; that he may duly execute his Office, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the glory of thy Holy Name.
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to guide by thine indwelling Spirit those whom thou dost call to the Ministry of thy Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere unto the end;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please thee to increase the number of ministers of thy Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that we, with all thy saints, may be partakers of thy everlasting kingdom;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

The Bishop stands and says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop then reads the Collect of the Day, or the following collect, or both.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being renewed unto the perfection of him through whom all things were made, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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The Ministry of the Word

Three lessons are read. The Readings are ordinarily selected from the following list and may be lengthened if desired. On a major feast, or on a Sunday, the Bishop may select Readings from the Proper of the Day.

Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8, or Numbers 11:16-17, 24-25 (omitting the final clause)
Psalm 43, or 132:8-19
Epistle I Peter 5:1-4, *or* Ephesians 4:7, 11-16,*or* Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel Matthew 9:35-38, *or* John 10:11-18, *or* John 6:35-38

Before the Old Testament and Epistle, the reader first says

A Reading from _____

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Before the Gospel, a hymn or psalm may be sung. A deacon or priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Reader The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.
People **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Congregation then stands and sings or says the Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin
Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

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And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father (and the Son);
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Examination

All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows

My brother, the Church is the family of God, the body of Christ, and the temple of the Holy Spirit. All baptized people are called to make Christ known as Savior and Lord, and to share in the renewing of his world. Now thou art called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with thy bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take thy share in the councils of the Church.

As a priest, it will be thy task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion thy life in accordance with its precepts. Thou art to love and serve the people among whom thou dost work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. Thou art to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted unto thee.

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In all that thou dost, thou art to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My brother, believest thou that thou art truly called by God and his Church to this priesthood?

Ordinand I believe that I am so called.

Bishop Dost thou at this time in the presence of the Church commit thyself to this trust and responsibility?

Ordinand I do.

Bishop Wilt thou respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of thy bishop?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make thee a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Ordinand I will.

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Bishop Wilt thou undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom thou art called to serve, laboring together with them and with thy fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou endeavor to pattern thy life (and that of thy family, *or* household, *or* community) in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that thou mayest be a wholesome example to thy people?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for thyself and for others, offering all thy labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop May the Lord who hath given thee the will to do these things give thee the grace and power to perform them.

Ordinand Amen.

The Consecration of the Priest

All now stand except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.

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The hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus, or the hymn, Veni Sancte Spiritus, is now sung.

A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

God and Father of all, we praise thee for thine infinite love in calling us to be a holy people in the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the image of thine eternal and invisible glory, the firstborn of many brethren, and the head of the Church. We thank thee that by his death he hath overcome death, and, having ascended into heaven, hath poured his gifts abundantly upon thy people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of his body.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand, the vested priests who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time the Bishop prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ thine only Son, give thy Holy Spirit to *N.*; fill him with grace and power, and make him a priest in thy Church.

or, in place of the above, the Bishop may say the following

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thine only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labor and

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ministry he gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of thine eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy servants here present to the same Office and Ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship thee; and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy blessed Son, to grant unto all, which either here or elsewhere call upon thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all thine other benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them over whom they shall be appointed thy Ministers, thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand, the vested Priests who are present also laying on their hands. At the same time the Bishop prays

Receive the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained. And be thou a faithful Dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy Sacraments; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Bishop then continues

May he exalt thee, O Lord, in the midst of thy people; offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to thee; boldly proclaim the

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gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make him a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise counsellor. Grant that in all things he may serve thee without reproach, so that thy people may be strengthened and thy Name glorified in all the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The new Priest is now vested according to the order of Priests.

At the giving of the stole, the Bishop says

Take thou the yoke of the Lord, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

The new Priest is then vested with the chasuble, the Bishop saying

Receive this priestly garment which symbolizes charity; for God is well able to give thee an increase of charity and a perfect work.

The Bishop now anoints the hands of the new Priest, saying

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this unction, and by our blessing; that whatsoever they shall bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they shall consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified; in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Then the Bishop delivers into his hands a chalice, containing wine and water, and a paten, saying

Take thou authority to offer sacrifice to God, and to celebrate Mass both for the living and for the dead. In the Name of the Lord. **Amen.**

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A Bible is then presented, the Bishop saying

Receive this Bible as a sign of the authority given thee to preach the Word of God and to administer his holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed unto thee as a Priest of the Church of God.

The Peace

The Bishop greets the newly-ordained Priest.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Greetings and necessary announcements are now made.

The Liturgy continues with the Offertory of the Mass, page 259.

After Communion

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the people kneel, and the Bishop and people pray

Almighty Father, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and that thou dost make us one body through him in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We thank thee for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of thy Word and Sacraments. We pray that *N.* may be unto us an effectual example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve

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thee now and always rejoice in thy glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop then blesses the people

Pontifical Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People **Who hath made heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
People **From this time forth for evermore.**
Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
People **Amen.**

or the new Priest blesses the people in the usual manner. It is customary for the people to receive the first blessing of a new Priest at some convenient place following the Ordination.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia," may be added to the dismissal and to the response.

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Ordination of a Deacon

A hymn may be sung as the procession enters. The Bishop may be received in the traditional manner with the form found on page 692. The people standing, the Bishop may say

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

or, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost

Bishop ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

or, in Lent and on other penitential occasions

Bishop ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth forever.**

The Bishop then says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presentation

The Bishop and people sit. Priests and Lay persons, standing before the Bishop, present the Ordinand, saying

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N., Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of *N.*, we present unto thee *N.N.* to be ordained a deacon in Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

Bishop

Hath he been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do ye believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters

We certify to thee that he has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe him to be qualified for this order.

The Bishop says to the Ordinand

Wilt thou be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And wilt thou, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey thy bishop and other ministers who may have authority over thee and thy work?

The Ordinand responds

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

The Ordinand then signs this Declaration in the sight of all present.

All now stand. The Bishop says to the people

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Beloved in Christ, ye know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting *N.* for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. Therefore if anyone knoweth any impediment or notable crime in this person presented for which we ought not to proceed, let him come forth in the Name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues

Is it your will that *N.* be ordained a deacon?

The People respond

It is.

Bishop

Will ye uphold him in this ministry?

The People respond

We will.

The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with one of the following or similar words

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

or

Dearly beloved, let us pray that God the Almighty Father will send his manifold gifts from heaven to this servant of his, whom he hath chosen for the Office of Deacon, and will help him to accomplish the task he hath permitted him to undertake.

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All kneel.

The Litanist begins the following, or the Litany of Saints which is found on page 403, or some other approved litany.

The Litany for Ordinations

O God the Father,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

We pray to thee, Lord Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God, that she may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of thy Coming, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of thy Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve thee in a true and godly life,
we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For *N.*, our Chief Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with thy love, may hunger for

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thy truth, and may thirst after righteousness,
we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For *N.*, chosen (priest, deacon) in thy Church,
we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry,
build up thy Church, and glorify thy Name,
we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be
sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end,
we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For his family [the members of his household *or*
community], that they may be adorned with all
Christian virtues, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in thee, Lord Christ, that our
divisions may cease, and that all may be one as thou and the
Father are one, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness she may
preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth,
we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust [especially_____], that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For a blessing on all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be free from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have ✠ died in the communion of thy Church, and for those whose faith is known to thee alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

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Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (Blessed *N.*) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Bishop stands and says

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop then reads the Collect of the Day, or the following collect, or both.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being renewed unto the perfection of him through whom all things were made, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Three lessons are read. The Readings are ordinarily selected from the following list and may be lengthened if desired. On a major feast, or on a Sunday, the Bishop may select Readings from the Proper of the Day.

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Old Testament Jeremiah 1:4-9, or Ecclesiasticus 39:1-8
Psalm 84, or 119:33-40
Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, or I Timothy 3:8-13, or Acts 6:2-7
Gospel Luke 12:35-38, or Luke 22:24-27

Before the Old Testament and Epistle, the Reader first says

A Reading from _____

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

or the Reader may say Here endeth the Reading (Epistle).

Before the Gospel, a hymn or psalm may be sung. A Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Reader The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.
People **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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The Sermon

The Congregation then stands and sings or says the Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to
the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father (and the Son);
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.

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And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Examination

All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop. The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows

My brother, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God doth now call thee to a special ministry of servanthood directly under thy bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, thou art to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, thou art to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model thy life upon them. Thou art to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by thy word and example, to those among whom thou dost live, and work, and worship. Thou art to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. Thou art to assist the Bishop and Priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and thou art to carry out other duties assigned to thee from time to time. At all times, thy life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My brother, dost thou believe that thou art truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Ordinand I believe I am so called.

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Bishop Dost thou now in the presence of the Church commit thyself to this trust and responsibility?

Ordinand I do.

Bishop Wilt thou be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of thy bishop?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou be faithful in prayers, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou endeavor to pattern thy life [and that of thy family, *or* household, *or* community] in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that thou mayest be a wholesome example to all people?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop Wilt thou in all things seek not thy glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Ordinand I will.

Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold thee in the service he layeth upon thee.

Ordinand Amen.

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The Consecration of the Deacon

All now stand except the Ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop. The hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus, or the hymn, Veni Sancte Spiritus, is now sung. A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.

The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration

O God, most merciful Father, we praise thee for sending thy Son Jesus Christ, who took upon himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death on the cross. We praise thee that thou hast highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be the servant of all. We praise thee for the many ministries in thy Church, and for calling this thy servant to the order of deacons.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the Ordinand, and prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ thy Son, give thy Holy Spirit to *N.*; fill him with grace and power, and make him a deacon in thy Church.

The Bishop then continues

Make him, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let his life and teaching so reflect thy commandments, that through him many may come to know thee and love thee. As thy Son came not to be served but to serve, may this deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with thee and the holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.

The People, in a loud voice, respond **Amen.**

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The new Deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons.

As the Deacon is vested with the stole, the Bishop shall say

Receive this noble stole from the hand of God; fulfill the work of thy ministry. May God who is mighty assist thee with his grace, who liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

As the Deacon is vested with the Dalmatic, the Bishop shall say

May the Lord clothe thee with the garment of salvation and the vesture of gladness; may the Dalmatic of righteousness alway cloak thee in the Name of the Lord. Amen.

The Bishop gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as the sign of thine authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments. In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The Bishop greets the newly ordained Deacon.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Greetings and necessary announcements are now made.

The Liturgy continues with the Offertory of the Mass, page 259.

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After Communion

In place of the usual postcommunion prayer, the people kneel, and the Bishop and people pray

Almighty Father, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and that thou dost make us one body through him in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We thank thee for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of thy Word and Sacraments. We pray that *N.* may be unto us an effectual example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve thee now and always rejoice in thy glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop then blesses the people

Pontifical Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People **Who hath made heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
People **From this time forth for evermore.**
Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
People **Amen.**

The new Deacon then dismisses the people, who respond "Thanks be to God." From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the dismissal and the response.

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Celebration of a New Ministry

The Apostle Paul teaches us that in the ministries of the Church, the "pastors and teachers" are "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ... ." (Ephesians 4:11-12) This service provides the local church with an opportunity to affirm and celebrate the beginning of a relationship between a church leader (usually a rector) and the people whom he has been called to serve.

A priest undertakes his new ministry reminded that he stands as God's steward before the people and as the people's representative before God. Emphasis in the service is placed upon both the joy and the seriousness of serving Christ and His Church, for the man being inducted and for those who will minister with him for the "building up of the body of Christ." The community that celebrates this new ministry is reminded of its place in the life of its diocese through the presence of the Bishop or his representative.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The Institution

The Bishop (or his representative) shall be seated in a chair before the Altar. The Wardens, standing before him with the new minister, say these or similar words

Right Reverend Father in God: We present unto thee *N.N.* who has been chosen to serve as *Rector* of this *parish*. We do believe him to be well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

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The new Minister shall kneel in front of the Bishop, and the Bishop shall say,

Dearly beloved brethren, *N.*, elected *Rector* of this Church, is present here to enter upon his office; wherefore we think fit that he shall be examined, according to the rule of the godly Fathers, in those things which belong to our holy religion and to the clerical state. Wherefore, before instituting him thereto, I require that if any of you do know of any just cause or impediment why he should not be instituted to this office, ye do now declare it.

If any objection be alleged, the Institutor, according to his discretion, shall suspend or continue the service.

Brother, seeing that the grace of God, and the choice of this congregation and thy former life have called thee to this office, we desire to know from thine own lips, whether thou art willing to dwell with thy flock in this place, to refrain thyself from all evil ways, and to devote thyself to all good works, as God shall grant?

Answer I am willing.

Bishop
Wilt thou diligently observe and keep thy priestly vows and pledges, and instruct those set under thee?

Answer I will, God being my helper.

Bishop
Wilt thou be a good steward of the goods of this Church, and guard them for the benefit of the brethren, the poor, and strangers?

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Answer I will, God being my helper.

Bishop
Wilt thou observe holiness and patience, and teach others the like?

Answer I will, God being my helper.

Bishop
Wilt thou busy thyself in holy things, and shun earthly concerns, so far as human frailty suffereth thee?

Answer I will, God being my helper.

Bishop
Wilt thou be courteous and merciful to the poor and the stranger, and to all that are in need, for the honor of God's Name?

Answer I will, God being my helper.

Bishop
Wilt thou yield canonical obedience in all things to thy Mother Church?

Answer I will, God being my helper.

The Bishop may read the Letter of Institution, or else may state the purpose of the new ministry. If the previous examination has not taken place, the Bishop inquires whether the new minister commits himself to this new ministry.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

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Will ye who witness this new beginning support and uphold *N.* in this ministry?

People **We will.**

The Bishop, standing, says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The following is said, all kneeling,

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop, standing, says

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop continues

Let us offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for *N.*, their *Rector*.

The Litany for Ordinations, page 420, or some other appropriate litany, is led by a person appointed. At the end of the litany, the Bishop, standing, says the following or some other Collect, first saying

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Bishop Let us pray.

Most gracious Father, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, who of thy wise providence hast appointed divers orders in thy Church; give thy grace, we beseech thee, to thy servant, to whom the *charge of this congregation* is now committed; and so replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our only mediator and redeemer. **Amen.**

At the Liturgy of the Word

The Readings are selected from the following list, or the Proper of the Day.

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Old Testament Joshua 1:7-9, *or* Numbers 11:16-17, 24-25a
Psalm 43, *or* 132:1-9, *or* 146, *or* 133 and 134 (especially suitable for use in the evening)
Epistle Romans 12:1-18, *or* Ephesians 4:7, 11-16
Gospel John 15:9-16, *or* Luke 10:1-2, *or* John 14:11-15

The Sermon

The Induction

Representatives of the congregation and of the clergy of the diocese stand before the Bishop with the new minister.

The Senior Warden, or some other lay parishioner, shall deliver the keys of the Church to the new Minister, saying,

In the name of this Parish (or Church), I, *N.N.*, acknowledge you, *N.N.*, as *Priest* and *Rector* of the same, and in token thereof give into your hands the keys of this Church.

Then the new Minister shall answer,

I, *N.N.*, receive these keys of the House of God at your hands, as the pledge of my institution, and of your recognition, and I promise to be a faithful shepherd over you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The Bishop, representatives of the Congregation, and of the diocese then present the new minister with a Bible, a Book of Common Prayer, and canons of the Church and the Bishop says

Receive these Books; and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing the divine Word, in leading the devotions of the people, and in exercising the discipline of the Church; and be thou in all things a pattern to the flock committed to thy care.

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Other symbols of office may be presented, with appropriate words, if desired.

Then the Bishop shall lead him to his stall, and say

O praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men. Exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the seat of the elders.

Then shall the Bishop say to the minister

Almighty God be thy Helper, in these and all other good things.

Then shall the Bishop say to the people

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Bishop Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee Almighty God, the increase of thy grace to this thy servant, whom we have elected to the cure of souls, that by thy bounty we, and the choice we have made, may be pleasing unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop may then add one or more of the following

O God, who rulest all the kingdoms of the earth according to thy divine pleasure, we humbly pray and beseech thee to bless with the grace of heavenly sanctification this thy servant *N.*, whom we have chosen as Pastor of this Church; that in his days holy discipline may increase, and that by thy help, he may set a good example to his flock, and carrying on his warfare in thy fear and with gentleness to his people, may be ever peacefully sheltered under the shield of thy majesty. Vouchsafe to

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strengthen him with thy divine right hand, that he may be a wise steward, and able to help lovingly all them that need. Be thou his worship, his joy in his home, his companion in his journeys, his comfort in sorrow, his counsel in doubt, his medicine in sickness, his helper in toil, his defense in adversity, his patience in tribulation. Let him learn in thee forethought and wisdom, to rule prudently the flock entrusted to him, that ever prospering and rejoicing in the riches of thy bountiful goodness, he may thankfully enjoy the temporal gifts of this present life, and finally be united in everlasting fellowship with the heavenly citizens and the choirs of angels; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Look down graciously, O Lord, we beseech thee, on this thy servant, and give him true knowledge, unshaken hope, right counsel, and holy doctrine, that he may be meet to receive the grace of thy blessing, and, without offense, may follow the footsteps of thy saints, and cause his flock to follow him by his godly teachings; and that he may bear in mind that whoso taketh on himself the guidance of souls, must give an account for them all in the Judgment Day to our Lord Jesus Christ. Who liveth and reigneth, world without end. **Amen.**

O Holy Jesus, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church, and hast promised to be with the Ministers of Apostolic Succession to the end of the world; be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is now appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to thee in this house, which is called by thy Name. May the words of his mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

O God, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, this congregation with thy love and favor; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel;

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graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Veni Creator *may then be sung, all kneeling. The Bishop returns to his seat before the Altar, addressing the new minister, who kneels before him.*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I, *N.*, Bishop of the Diocese of _____, by the authority committed to me, do hereby give thee, *N.*, Institution and Mission (*and cure of souls* as Pastor of this Church *or parish*) and authority to preach the Word, and to administer the Sacraments herein.

The Bishop, standing and facing the people, says

O God, the author of all good things, who by thine apostle Paul didst ordain elders to bear rule in every Church, we humbly beseech thee to guard with thy gracious protection this thy servant *N.*, instituted this day as pastor over thy sheep in this place, and grant him, we pray thee, so to rule those set under him, that he and they all may attain the kingdom of heaven, and that ever aided by thy help, and stayed by the doctrine of thine apostles, he may joyfully enter the gates of Paradise, bearing fruit an hundredfold, and there hear thy commendation, well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will set thee over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Which may he grant, who with the Father and the Son liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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The new minister may then kneel in the midst of the church, and say

O Lord my God, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; yet thou hast honored thy servant with appointing him to stand in thy house, and to serve at thy holy altar. To thee and to thy service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit, with all their powers and faculties. Fill my memory with the words of thy Law; enlighten my understanding with the illumination of the Holy Ghost; and may all the wishes and desires of my will center in what thou hast commanded. And, to make me instrumental in promoting the salvation of the people now committed to my charge; grant that I may faithfully administer thy holy Sacraments, and by my life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word. Be ever with me in the performance of all the duties of my ministry: in prayer, to quicken my devotion; in praises, to heighten my love and gratitude; and in preaching, to give a readiness of thought and expression suitable to the clearness and excellency of thy holy Word. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. **Amen.**

The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation. When appropriate, the family of the new minister may also be presented at this time.

The new Minister then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

At the Eucharist

The service continues with the Offertory.

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Except on Major Feasts, the Preface may be that for Apostles and Ordinations.

After Communion

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, we thank thee for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of thy Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of thy Holy Spirit. We thank thee for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of thy Word and Sacraments. We pray that *N.* may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve thee now, and always rejoice in thy glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A newly inducted Priest may, at the Bishop's request, pronounce a blessing.

A Deacon, or a Priest if no deacon is present, dismisses the assembly.

Te Deum may be sung.

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The Psalter

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Concerning the Psalter

The Psalter used in this book is that of the American Book of Common Prayer 1928. A version of the Psalter in the Great Bible of 1539, itself an adaptation of Miles Coverdale's translation of 1535, it is essentially the same translation used in Anglican Churches around the world.

The Psalter was the prayer book of the old Israel. As such our Lord used it for his own prayer. He did this most dramatically when he was on the cross, and began to pray Psalm 22: "My God, my God ... why hast thou forsaken me?". For this reason, if for no other, the Psalter is the first prayer book of the Church.

There are many ways of praying the psalms. Most importantly they are hymnody: they are meant to be sung. Jews, and Christians throughout most of their history, considered the psalms, like all of Scripture, too important to be prayed in an ordinary speaking voice. It is one of the blessings of liturgical renewal that more and more parishes have begun to learn and practice the singing of psalms. The psalms may be sung or said antiphonally by verse, responsorially with the cantor or lector reciting the verses, responsively between minister and people, or in unison. The early Church added the Trinitarian doxology "Glory be to the Father..." to place the psalms in the context of Christian prayer.

The Psalms satisfy a great variety of prayer needs. There is considerable benefit to praying the psalms through in course (eg. Morning Prayer, Day One ...); thereby touching upon all of the human condition. Specific psalms may be memorized until they become a permanent part of one's prayer life and a support of the architecture of the soul. Psalm 63 is a traditional morning prayer; Psalm 141 for the evening. The Penitential Psalms are 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. Psalms 43, 84, 122, and 130 are appropriate before receiving Holy Communion. Some people find Psalm 68 an excellent way to pray through anger.

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Book One

First Day: Morning Prayer

1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, * and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; * and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, * that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
4 His leaf also shall not wither; * and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.
6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, * neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; * and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together? * and why do the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together * against the Lord, and against his Anointed:
3 Let us break their bonds asunder, * and cast away their cords from us.
4 He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: * the Lord shall have them in derision.

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5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, * and vex them in his sore displeasure:
6 Yet have I set my King * upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will rehearse the decree; * the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.
8 Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron, * and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; * be instructed, ye that are judges of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord in fear, * and rejoice unto him with reverence.
12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way, if his wrath be kindled, yea but a little * Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

3 *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! * many are they that rise against me.
2 Many one there be that say of my soul, * There is no help for him in his God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender; * thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice, * and he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again; * for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people, * that have set themselves against me round about.

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7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God, * for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord; * and thy blessing is upon thy people.

4 *Cum invocarem*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: * thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor, * and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; * when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not; * commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, * and put your trust in the Lord.
6 There be many that say, * Who will show us any good?
7 Lord, lift thou up * the light of thy countenance upon us.
8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart; * yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; * for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

5 *Verba mea auribus*

PONDER my words, O Lord, * consider my meditation.
2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: * for unto thee will I make my prayer.

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3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord; * early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
4 For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness; * neither shall any evil dwell with thee.
5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight; * for thou hatest all them that work iniquity.
6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies: * the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.
7 But as for me, in the multitude of thy mercy I will come into thine house; * and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; * make thy way plain before my face.
9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; * their inward parts are very wickedness.
10 Their throat is an open sepulchre; * they flatter with their tongue.
11 Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations; * cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against thee.
12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice: * they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;
13 For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous, * and with thy favorable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

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6 *Domine, ne in furore*

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation, * neither chasten me in thy displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; * O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.
3 My soul also is sore troubled: * but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?
4 Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; * O save me, for thy mercy's sake.
5 For in death no man remembereth thee; * and who will give thee thanks in the pit?
6 I am weary of my groaning; * every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.
7 My beauty is gone for very trouble, * and worn away because of all mine enemies.
8 Away from me, all ye that work iniquity; * for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The Lord hath heard my petition; * the Lord will receive my prayer.
10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed; * they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

7 *Domine, Deus meus*

O LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust: * save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;
2 Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces, * while there is none to help.
3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing; * or if there be any wickedness in my hands;

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4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me; * (yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;)
5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me; * yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust.
6 Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies; * arise up for me in the judgment that thou hast commanded.
7 And so shall the congregation of the peoples come about thee: * for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.
8 The Lord shall judge the peoples; give sentence with me, O Lord, * according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.
9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end; * but guide thou the just.
10 For the righteous God * trieth the very hearts and reins.
11 My help cometh of God, * who preserveth them that are true of heart.
12 God is a righteous Judge, strong, and patient; * and God is provoked every day.
13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword; * he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death; * he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
15 Behold, the ungodly travaileth with iniquity; * he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
16 He hath graven and digged up a pit, * and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.
17 For his travail shall come upon his own head, * and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.
18 I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness; * and I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

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8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; * thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!
2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, * that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; * the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? * and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 Thou madest him lower than the angels, * to crown him with glory and worship.
6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; * and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen; * yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
9 O Lord our Governor, * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Second Day: Morning Prayer

9 *Confitebor tibi*

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; * I will speak of all thy marvelous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee; * yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou Most Highest.
3 While mine enemies are driven back, * they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; * thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

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5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly; * thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
6 O thou enemy, thy destructions are come to a perpetual end; * even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, whose memorial is perished with them.
7 But the Lord shall endure for ever; * he hath also prepared his seat for judgment.
8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness, * and minister true judgment unto the people.
9 The Lord also will be a defense for the oppressed, * even a refuge in due time of trouble.
10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee; * for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.
11 O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Zion; * show the people of his doings.
12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them, * and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.
13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, * thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;
14 That I may show all thy praises within the gates of the daughter of Zion: * I will rejoice in thy salvation.
15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; * in the same net which they hid privily is their foot taken.
16 The Lord is known to execute judgment; * the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.
17 The wicked shall be turned to destruction, * and all the people that forget God.
18 For the poor shall not alway be forgotten; * the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.
19 Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand; * let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
20 Put them in fear, O Lord, * that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

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10 *Ut quid, Domine?*

WHY standest thou so far off, O Lord, * and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?

2 The ungodly, for his own lust, doth persecute the poor: * let them be taken in the crafty wiliness that they have imagined.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his own heart's desire, * and speaketh good of the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud, that he careth not for God, * neither is God in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are alway grievous; * thy judgments are far above out of his sight, and therefore defieth he all his enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart, Tush, I shall never be cast down, * there shall no harm happen unto me.

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud; * under his tongue is ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the thievish corners of the streets, * and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent; his eyes are set against the poor.

9 For he lieth waiting secretly; even as a lion lurketh he in his den, * that he may ravish the poor.

10 He doth ravish the poor, * when he getteth him into his net.

11 He falleth down, and humbleth himself, * that the congregation of the poor may fall into the hands of his captains.

12 He hath said in his heart, Tush, God hath forgotten; * he hideth away his face, and he will never see it.

13 Arise, O Lord God, and lift up thine hand; * forget not the poor.

14 Wherefore should the wicked blaspheme God, * while he doth say in his heart, Tush, thou God carest not for it?

15 Surely thou hast seen it; * for thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong, that thou mayest take the matter into thy hand.

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16 The poor committeth himself unto thee; * for thou art the helper of the friendless.
17 Break thou the power of the ungodly and malicious; * search out his ungodliness, until thou find none.
18 The Lord is King for ever and ever, * and the heathen are perished out of the land.
19 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poor; * thou preparest their heart, and thine ear hearkeneth;
20 To help the fatherless and poor unto their right, * that the man of the earth be no more exalted against them.

11 *In Domino confido*

IN the Lord put I my trust; * how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?
2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver, * that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.
3 If the foundations be destroyed, * what can the righteous do?
4 The Lord is in his holy temple; * the Lord's seat is in heaven.
5 His eyes consider the poor; * and his eyelids try the children of men.
6 The Lord approveth the righteous: * but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.
7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest: * this shall be their portion to drink.
8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; * his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

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12 *Salvum me fac*

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left; * for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.
2 They talk of vanity every one with his neighbor; * they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.
3 The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips, * and the tongue that speaketh proud things;
4 Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail; * we are they that ought to speak; who is lord over us?
5 Now, for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy, * and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
6 I will up, saith the Lord; * and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.
7 The words of the Lord are pure words; * even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.
8 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord; * thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
9 The ungodly walk on every side: * when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord; for ever? * how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? * how long shall mine enemy triumph over me?
3 Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God; * lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death;

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4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: * for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.
5 But my trust is in thy mercy, * and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.
6 I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; * yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord Most Highest.

14 *Dixit insipiens*

THE fool hath said in his heart, * There is no God.
2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings; * there is none that doeth good, no not one.
3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, * to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable; * there is none that doeth good, no not one.
5 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief, * eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?
6 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was; * for God is in the generation of the righteous.
7 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor; * because he putteth his trust in the Lord.
8 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Zion? * When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

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15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? * or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, * and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbor, * and hath not slandered his neighbor.
4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, * and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
5 He that sweareth unto his neighbor, and disappointeth him not, * though it were to his own hindrance.
6 He that hath not given his money upon usury, * nor taken reward against the innocent.
7 Whoso doeth these things * shall never fall.

16 *Conserva me, Domine*

PRESERVE me, O God; * for in thee have I put my trust.
2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, * Thou art my God; I have no good like unto thee.
3 All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, * and upon such as excel in virtue.
4 But they that run after another god * shall have great trouble.
5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, * neither make mention of their names within my lips.
6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; * thou shalt maintain my lot.

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7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; * yea, I have a goodly heritage.
8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning; * my reins also chasten me in the night season.
9 I have set the Lord alway before me; * for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: * my flesh also shall rest in hope.
11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell; * neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
12 Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence is the fullness of joy, * and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

17 *Exaudi, Domine*

HEAR the right, O Lord, consider my complaint, * and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; * and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.
3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night season; thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me; * for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.
4 As for the works of men, * by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.
5 O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, * that my footsteps slip not.
6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: * incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.
7 Show thy marvelous loving-kindness, thou that art the Savior of them which put their trust in thee, * from such as resist thy right hand.

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8 Keep me as the apple of an eye; * hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
9 From the ungodly, that trouble me; * mine enemies compass me round about, to take away my soul.
10 They are inclosed in their own fat, * and their mouth speaketh proud things.
11 They lie waiting in our way on every side, * watching to cast us down to the ground;
12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, * and as it were a lion's whelp lurking in secret places.
13 Up, Lord, disappoint him, and cast him down; * deliver my soul from the ungodly, by thine own sword;
14 Yea, by thy hand, O Lord; from the men of the evil world; * which have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thy hid treasure.
15 They have children at their desire, * and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.
16 But as for me, I shall behold thy presence in righteousness; * and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied.

Third Day: Evening Prayer

18

Part I *Diligam te, Domine*

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength. * The Lord is my stony rock, and my defense.
2 My Savior, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust; * my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.
3 I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised; * so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

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4 The sorrows of death compassed me, * and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.
5 The pains of hell came about me; * the snares of death overtook me.
6 In my trouble I called upon the Lord, * and complained unto my God:
7 So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, * and my complaint came before him; it entered even into his ears.
8 The earth trembled and quaked, * the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.
9 There went a smoke out in his presence, * and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down, * and it was dark under his feet.
11 He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; * he came flying upon the wings of the wind.
12 He made darkness his secret place, * his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.
13 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed; * hailstones and coals of fire.
14 The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder; * hailstones and coals of fire.
15 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; * he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.
16 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, * at thy chiding, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.
17 He sent down from on high to fetch me, * and took me out of many waters.
18 He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me; * for they were too mighty for me.
19 They came upon me in the day of my trouble; * but the Lord was my upholder.

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20 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; * he brought me forth, even because he had a favor unto me.

Part II *Et retribuet mihi*

21 The Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing, * according to the cleanness of my hands did he recompense me.
22 Because I have kept the ways of the Lord, * and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.
23 For I have an eye unto all his laws, * and will not cast out his commandments from me.
24 I was also uncorrupt before him, * and eschewed mine own wickedness.
25 Therefore the Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing, * and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
26 With the holy thou shalt be holy, * and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.
27 With the clean thou shalt be clean, * and with the froward thou shalt be froward.
28 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity, * and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.
29 Thou also shalt light my candle; * the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.
30 For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men, * and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.
31 The way of God is an undefiled way: * the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire; he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.
32 For who is God, but the Lord? * or who hath any strength, except our God?

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33 It is God that girdeth me with strength of war, * and maketh my way perfect.
34 He maketh my feet like harts' feet, * and setteth me up on high.
35 He teacheth mine hands to fight, * and mine arms shall bend even a bow of steel.
36 Thou hast given me the defense of thy salvation; * thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.
37 Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go, * that my footsteps shall not slide.
38 I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them; * neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.
39 I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand, * but fall under my feet.
40 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle; * thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.
41 Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me, * and I shall destroy them that hate me.
42 They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them; * yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.
43 I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind: * I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.
44 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people, * and thou shalt make me the head of the nations; a people whom I have not known shall serve me.
45 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me; * the strangers shall feign obedience unto me.
46 The strangers shall fail, * and come trembling out of their strongholds.
47 The Lord liveth; and blessed be my strong helper, * and praised be the God of my salvation;
48 Even the God that seeth that I be avenged, * and subdueth the people unto me.

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49 It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries: * thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.
50 For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles, * and sing praises unto thy Name.
51 Great prosperity giveth he unto his King, * and showeth loving-kindness unto David his anointed, and unto his seed for evermore.

Fourth Day: Morning Prayer

19 *Caeli enarrant*

THE heavens declare the glory of God; * and the firmament showeth his handy-work.
2 One day telleth another; * and one night certifieth another.
3 There is neither speech nor language; * but their voices are heard among them.
4 Their sound is gone out into all lands; * and their words into the ends of the world.
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; * which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again; * and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

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9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offense.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; * the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee:
2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, * and strengthen thee out of Zion:
3 Remember all thy offerings, * and accept thy burnt-sacrifice:
4 Grant thee thy heart's desire, * and fulfill all thy mind.
5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: * the Lord perform all thy petitions.
6 Now know I that the Lord helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven, * even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.
7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses; * but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.
8 They are brought down and fallen; * but we are risen and stand upright.

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9 Save, Lord; and hear us, O King of heaven * when we call upon thee.

21 *Domine, in virtute tua*

THE King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord; * exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, * and hast not denied him the request of his lips.
3 For thou shalt meet him with the blessings of goodness, * and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.
4 He asked life of thee; and thou gavest him a long life, * even for ever and ever.
5 His honor is great in thy salvation; * glory and great worship shalt thou lay upon him.
6 For thou shalt give him everlasting felicity, * and make him glad with the joy of thy countenance.
7 And why? because the King putteth his trust in the Lord; * and in the mercy of the Most Highest he shall not miscarry.
8 All thine enemies shall feel thine hand; * thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.
9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: * the Lord shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.
10 Their fruit shalt thou root out of the earth, * and their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended mischief against thee, * and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.
12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight, * and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.
13 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength; * so will we sing, and praise thy power.

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22 *Deus, Deus meus*

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? * and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; * and in the night season also I take no rest.
3 And thou continuest holy, * O thou Worship of Israel.
4 Our fathers hoped in thee; * they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They called upon thee, and were holpen; * they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man; * a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; * they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
8 He trusted in the Lord, that he would deliver him; * let him deliver him, if he will have him.
9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; * thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; * thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
11 O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand, * and there is none to help me.
12 Many oxen are come about me; * fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
13 They gape upon me with their mouths, * as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; * my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

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15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, * and thou bringest me into the dust of death.
16 For many dogs are come about me, * and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
17 They pierced my hands and my feet: I may tell all my bones: * they stand staring and looking upon me.
18 They part my garments among them, * and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord; * thou art my succor, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword, * my darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth; * thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: * magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; * he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.
25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation; * my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord shall praise him: * your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord; * and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, * and he is the Governor among the nations.
29 All such as be fat upon earth * have eaten, and worshiped.
30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; * and no man hath quickened his own soul.

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31 My seed shall serve him: * they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
32 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness * unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

23 *Dominus regit me*

THE Lord is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.
2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3 He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Fifth Day: Morning Prayer

24 *Domini est terra*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; * the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, * and stablished it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? * or who shall rise up in his holy place?

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4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; * and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, * and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that seek him; * even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? * It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory? * Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: * O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; * but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
3 Show me thy ways, O Lord, * and teach me thy paths.
4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: * for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, * and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
6 O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth; * but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

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7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord; * therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgment; * and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, * unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord, * be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.
11 What man is he that feareth the Lord? * him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
12 His soul shall dwell at ease, * and his seed shall inherit the land.
13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him; * and he will show them his covenant.
14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord; * for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; * for I am desolate, and in misery.
16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: * O bring thou me out of my troubles.
17 Look upon my adversity and misery, * and forgive me all my sin.
18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are; * and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.
19 O keep my soul, and deliver me; * let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.
20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me; * for my hope hath been in thee.
21 Deliver Israel, O God, * out of all his troubles.

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26 *Judica me, Domine*

BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: * my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: * try out my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes; * and I will walk in thy truth.

4 I have not dwelt with vain persons; * neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked; * and will not sit among the ungodly.

6 I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord; * and so will I go to thine altar;

7 That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, * and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, * and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

9 O shut not up my soul with the sinners, * nor my life with the blood-thirsty;

10 In whose hands is wickedness, * and their right hand is full of gifts.

11 But as for me, I will walk innocently; * O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth right: * I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

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27 *Dominus illuminatio*

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, * they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; * and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require; * even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle; * yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head * above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness: * I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; * have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: * Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me, * nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succor; * leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me, * the Lord taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lord, * and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

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14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries: * for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
15 I should utterly have fainted, * but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
16 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; * be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

28 *Ad te, Domine*

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord, my strength: * think no scorn of me; lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto thee; * when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.
3 O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with the ungodly and wicked doers, * which speak friendly to their neighbors, but imagine mischief in their hearts.
4 Reward them according to their deeds, * and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.
5 Recompense them after the work of their hands; * pay them that they have deserved.
6 For they regard not in their mind the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands; * therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.
7 Praised be the Lord; * for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.
8 The Lord is my strength, and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; * therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.
9 The Lord is my strength, * and he is the wholesome defense of his anointed.

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10 O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance: * feed them, and set them up for ever.

29 *Afferte Domino*

ASCRIBE unto the Lord, O ye mighty, * ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
2 Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; * worship the Lord with holy worship.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; * it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.
4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; * the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees; * yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; * Lebanon also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.
7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; * yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare the forests: * in his temple doth every thing speak of his honor.
9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, * and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord; for thou hast set me up, * and not made my foes to triumph over me.
2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee; * and thou hast healed me.
3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: * thou hast kept my life, that I should not go down into the pit.
4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his; * and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.
5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; * heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: * thou, Lord, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.
7 Thou didst turn thy face from me, * and I was troubled.
8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord; * and gat me to my Lord right humbly.
9 What profit is there in my blood, * when I go down into the pit?
10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? * or shall it declare thy truth?
11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; * Lord, be thou my helper.
12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; * thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:
13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing. * O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

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31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; * deliver me in thy righteousness.
2 Bow down thine ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.
3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defense, * that thou mayest save me.
4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: * be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.
5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; * for thou art my strength.
6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; * for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
7 I have hated them that hold of lying vanities, * and my trust hath been in the Lord.
8 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; * for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.
9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; * but hast set my feet in a large room.
10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble, * and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.
11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness, * and my years with mourning.
12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity, * and my bones are consumed.
13 I became a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors; * and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without, conveyed themselves from me.
14 I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind; * I am become like a broken vessel.

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15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude, and fear is on every side; * while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.
16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord; * I have said, Thou art my God.
17 My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, * and from them that persecute me.
18 Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, * and save me for thy mercy's sake.
19 Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee; * let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.
20 Let the lying lips be put to silence, * which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak against the righteous.
21 O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, * and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!
22 Thou shalt hide them in the covert of thine own presence from the plottings of men: * thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.
23 Thanks be to the Lord; * for he hath showed me marvelous great kindness in a strong city.
24 But in my haste I said, * I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.
25 Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer, * when I cried unto thee.
26 O love the Lord, all ye his saints; * for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.
27 Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, * all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

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32 *Beati quorum*

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, * and whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, * and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 For whilst I held my tongue, * my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
4 For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, * and my moisture was like the drought in summer.
5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee; * and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord; * and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; * surely the great water-floods shall not come nigh him.
8 Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; * thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; * and I will guide thee with mine eye.
10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; * whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not obey thee.
11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly; * but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

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33 *Exultate, justi*

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous; * for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the Lord with harp; * sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song; * sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the Lord is true; * and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment; * the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; * and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; * and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: * stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done; * he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, * and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever, * and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord Jehovah; * and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to be his inheritance.

13 The Lord looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children of men; * from the habitation of his dwelling, he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them, * and understandeth all their works.

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host; * neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

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16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man; * neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, * and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
18 To deliver their soul from death, * and to feed them in the time of dearth.
19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord; * for he is our help and our shield.
20 For our heart shall rejoice in him; * because we have hoped in his holy Name.
21 Let thy merciful kindess, O Lord, be upon us, * like as we do put our trust in thee.

34 *Benedicam Dominum*

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; * the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3 O praise the Lord with me, * and let us magnify his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me; * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; * and their faces were not ashamed.
6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, * and delivereth them.
8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; * for they that fear him lack nothing.

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10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; * but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; * I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 What man is he that lusteth to live, * and would fain see good days?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil, * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
14 Eschew evil, and do good; * seek peace, and ensue it.
15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, * and his ears are open unto their prayers.
16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, * and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; * but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
20 He keepeth all his bones, * so that not one of them is broken.
21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; * and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; * and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Seventh Day: Morning Prayer

35 *Judica, Domine*

PLEAD thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me, * and fight thou against them that fight against me.

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2 Lay hand upon the shield and buckler, * and stand up to help me.
3 Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that pursue me: * say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
4 Let them be confounded, and put to shame, that seek after my soul; * let them be turned back, and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.
5 Let them be as the dust before the wind, * and the angel of the Lord scattering them.
6 Let their way be dark and slippery, * and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.
7 For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause; * yea, even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.
8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares, and his net that he hath laid privily catch himself; * that he may fall into his own mischief.
9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; * it shall rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him; * yea, the poor, and him that is in misery, from him that spoileth him?
11 False witnesses did rise up: * they laid to my charge things that I knew not.
12 They rewarded me evil for good, * to the great discomfort of my soul.
13 Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting; * and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother; * I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

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15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; * yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares, making mouths at me, and ceased not.
16 With the flatterers were busy mockers, * who gnashed upon me with their teeth.
17 Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this? * O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me, and my darling from the lions.
18 So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation; * I will praise thee among much people.
19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly; * neither let them wink with their eyes, that hate me without a cause.
20 And why? their communing is not for peace; * but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.
21 They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said; * Fie on thee! fie on thee! we saw it with our eyes.
22 This thou hast seen, O Lord; * hold not thy tongue then; go not far from me, O Lord.
23 Awake, and stand up to judge my quarrel; * avenge thou my cause, my God and my Lord.
24 Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness; * and let them not triumph over me.
25 Let them not say in their hearts, There! there! so would we have it; * neither let them say, We have devoured him.
26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together, that rejoice at my trouble; * let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonor, that boast themselves against me.
27 Let them be glad and rejoice, that favor my righteous dealing; * yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the Lord, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

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28 And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness, * and of thy praise, all the day long.

36 *Dixit injustus*

MY heart showeth me the wickedness of the ungodly, * that there is no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For he flattereth himself in his own sight, * until his abominable sin be found out.
3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous and full of deceit: * he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.
4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way; * neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.
5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens, * and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.
6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: * thy judgments are like the great deep.
7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast: how excellent is thy mercy, O God! * and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; * and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.
9 For with thee is the well of life; * and in thy light shall we see light.
10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, * and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.
11 O let not the foot of pride come against me; * and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.
12 There are they fallen, all that work wickedness; * they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

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Part I *Noli aemulari*

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly; * neither be thou envious against the evil doers.
2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, * and be withered even as the green herb.
3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good; * dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
4 Delight thou in the Lord, * and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.
5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him, * and he shall bring it to pass.
6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, * and thy just dealing as the noon-day.
7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: * but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.
8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: * fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out; * and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: * thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth, * and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
12 The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just, * and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh him to scorn; * for he hath seen that his day is coming.

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14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, * to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be upright in their ways.
15 Their sword shall go through their own heart, * and their bow shall be broken.
16 A small thing that the righteous hath, * is better than great riches of the ungodly.
17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken, * and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

Part II *Novit Dominus*

18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly; * and their inheritance shall endure for ever.
19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time; * and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.
20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs: * yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.
21 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again; * but the righteous is merciful and liberal.
22 Such as are blessed of God, shall possess the land; * and they that are cursed of him, shall be rooted out.
23 The Lord ordereth a good man's going, * and maketh his way acceptable to himself.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away; * for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
25 I have been young, and now am old; * and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.
26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth; * and his seed is blessed.
27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good; * and dwell for evermore.

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28 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right; * he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.
29 The unrighteous shall be punished; * as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.
30 The righteous shall inherit the land, * and dwell therein for ever.
31 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom, * and his tongue will be talking of judgment.
32 The law of his God is in his heart, * and his going shall not slide.
33 The ungodly watcheth the righteous, * and seeketh occasion to slay him.
34 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, * nor condemn him when he is judged.
35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land: * when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.
36 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power, * and flourishing like a green bay-tree.
37 I went by, and lo, he was gone: * I sought him, but his place could no where be found.
38 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right; * for that shall bring a man peace at the last.
39 As for the transgressors, they shall perish together; * and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.
40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord; * who is also their strength in the time of trouble.
41 And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them: * he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

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38 *Domine, ne in furore*

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; * neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure:
2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, * and thy hand presseth me sore.
3 There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure; * neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.
4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head, * and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.
5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt, * through my foolishness.
6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery, * that I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease, * and there is no whole part in my body.
8 I am feeble and sore smitten; * I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.
9 Lord, thou knowest all my desire; * and my groaning is not hid from thee.
10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me, * and the light of mine eyes is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my neighbors did stand looking upon my trouble, * and my kinsmen stood afar off.
12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me; * and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.
13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not; * and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.
14 I became even as a man that heareth not, * and in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; * thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

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16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me; * for when my foot slipt, they rejoiced greatly against me.
17 And I truly am set in the plague, * and my heaviness is ever in my sight.
18 For I will confess my wickedness, * and be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty; * and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.
20 They also that reward evil for good are against me; * because I follow the thing that good is.
21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God; * be not thou far from me.
22 Haste thee to help me, * O Lord God of my salvation.

39 *Dixi, Custodiam*

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, * that I offend not in my tongue.
2 I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle, * while the ungodly is in my sight.
3 I held my tongue, and spake nothing: * I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.
4 My heart was hot within me: and while I was thus musing the fire kindled, * and at the last I spake with my tongue;
5 Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days; * that I may be certified how long I have to live.
6 Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; * and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

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7 For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; * he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.
8 And now, Lord, what is my hope? * truly my hope is even in thee.
9 Deliver me from all mine offenses; * and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.
10 I became dumb, and opened not my mouth; * for it was thy doing.
11 Take thy plague away from me: * I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.
12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: * every man therefore is but vanity.
13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; * hold not thy peace at my tears;
14 For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, * as all my fathers were.
15 O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, * before I go hence, and be no more seen.

40 *Expectans expectavi*

I WAITED patiently for the Lord, * and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, * and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, * even a thanksgiving unto our God.
4 Many shall see it, and fear, * and shall put their trust in the Lord.
5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord, * and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

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6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts, which are to us-ward; * and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.
7 If I should declare them, and speak of them, * they should be more than I am able to express.
8 Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, * but mine ears hast thou opened.
9 Burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required: * then said I, Lo, I come;
10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfill thy will, O my God: * I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.
11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: * lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.
12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; * my talk hath been of thy truth, and of thy salvation.
13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth * from the great congregation.
14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; * let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.
15 For innumerable troubles are come about me; my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up; * yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.
16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me; * make haste, O Lord, to help me.
17 Let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it; * let them be driven backward, and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.
18 Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame, * that say unto me, Fie upon thee! fie upon thee!
19 Let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee; * and let such as love thy salvation, say alway, The Lord be praised.

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20 As for me, I am poor and needy; * but the Lord careth for me.
21 Thou art my helper and redeemer; * make no long tarrying, O my God.

Eighth Day: Evening Prayer

41 *Beatus qui intelligit*

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy; * the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
2 The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth; * and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.
3 The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; * make thou all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me; * heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, * when shall he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity, * and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself; and when he cometh forth, he telleth it.
7 All mine enemies whisper together against me; * even against me do they imagine this evil.
8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him; * and now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.
9 Yea, even mine own familiar friend whom I trusted, * who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.
10 But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord; * raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.
11 By this I know thou favorest me, * that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.
12 And in my innocency thou upholdest me, * and shalt set me before thy face for ever.

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13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, * world without end. Amen.

Book Two

42 *Quemadmodum*

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks, * so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: * when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
3 My tears have been my meat day and night, * while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself; * for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, * among such as keep holy-day.
6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?
7 O put thy trust in God; * for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.
8 My soul is vexed within me; * therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, from Hermon and the little hill.
9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of thy water-floods; * all thy waves and storms are gone over me.
10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; * and in the night season will I sing of him, and make my prayer unto the God of my life.
11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me? * why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

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12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword, * while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;
13 Namely, while they say daily unto me, * Where is now thy God?
14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?
15 O put thy trust in God; * for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 *Judica me, Deus*

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; * O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? * and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;
4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; * and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.
5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?
6 O put thy trust in God; * for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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44 *Deus, auribus*

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us * what thou hast done in their time of old.
2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted our fathers in; * how thou hast destroyed the nations, and made thy people to flourish.
3 For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword, * neither was it their own arm that helped them;
4 But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance; * because thou hadst a favor unto them.
5 Thou art my King, O God; * send help unto Jacob.
6 Through thee will we overthrow our enemies, * and in thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
7 For I will not trust in my bow, * it is not my sword that shall help me;
8 But it is thou that savest us from our enemies, * and puttest them to confusion that hate us.
9 We make our boast of God all day long, * and will praise thy Name for ever.
10 But now thou art far off, and puttest us to confusion, * and goest not forth with our armies.
11 Thou makest us to turn our backs upon our enemies, * so that they which hate us spoil our goods.
12 Thou lettest us be eaten up like sheep, * and hast scattered us among the heathen.
13 Thou sellest thy people for nought, * and takest no money for them.

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14 Thou makest us to be rebuked of our neighbors, * to be laughed to scorn, and had in derision of them that are round about us.
15 Thou makest us to be a by-word among the nations, * and that the peoples shake their heads at us.
16 My confusion is daily before me, * and the shame of my face hath covered me;
17 For the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer, * for the enemy and avenger.
18 And though all this be come upon us, yet do we not forget thee, * nor behave ourselves frowardly in thy covenant.
19 Our heart is not turned back, * neither our steps gone out of thy way;
20 No, not when thou hast smitten us into the place of dragons, * and covered us with the shadow of death.
21 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and holden up our hands to any strange god, * shall not God search it out? for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart.
22 For thy sake also are we killed all the day long, * and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain.
23 Up, Lord, why sleepest thou? * awake, and be not absent from us for ever.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, * and forgettest our misery and trouble?
25 For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust; * our belly cleaveth unto the ground.
26 Arise, and help us, * and deliver us, for thy mercy's sake.

45 *Eructavit cor meum*

MY heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak the things which I have made concerning the King. * My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

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2 Thou art fairer than the children of men; * full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou Most Mighty, * according to thy worship and renown.
4 Good luck have thou with thine honor: * ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
5 Thy arrows are very sharp in the heart of the King's enemies. * and the people shall be subdued unto thee.
6 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever; * the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter.
7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; * wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; * out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among thy honorable women; * upon thy right hand doth stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colors.
10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider; incline thine ear; * forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
11 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty; * for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.
12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; * like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.
13 The King's daughter is all glorious within; * her clothing is of wrought gold.
14 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: * the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.
15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought, * and shall enter into the King's palace.
16 Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have children, * whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

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17 I will make thy Name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

46 *Deus noster refugium*

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall help her, and that right early.
6 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.
8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
10 Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

O CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples: * O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared; * he is the great King upon all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose out an heritage for us, * even the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved.
5 God is gone up with a merry noise, * and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
7 For God is the King of all the earth: * sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the nations; * God sitteth upon his holy seat.
9 The princes of the peoples are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham; * for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

48 *Magnus Dominus*

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised * in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
2 The hill of Zion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; * upon the north side lieth the city of the great king: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
3 For lo, the kings of the earth * were gathered, and gone by together.

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4 They marvelled to see such things; * they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
5 Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, * as upon a woman in her travail.
6 Thou dost break the ships of the sea * through the east-wind.
7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; * God upholdeth the same for ever.
8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of thy temple.
9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; * thy right hand is full of righteousness.
10 Let the mount Zion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, * because of thy judgments.
11 Walk about Zion, and go round about her; * and tell the towers thereof.
12 Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, * that ye may tell them that come after.
13 For this God is our God for ever and ever: * he shall be our guide unto death.

49 *Audite haec, omnes*

O HEAR ye this, all ye people; * ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;
2 High and low, rich and poor, * one with another.
3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall muse of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to the parable, * and show my dark speech upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, * when wickedness at my heels compasseth me round about?

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6 There be some that put their trust in their goods, * and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.
7 But no man may deliver his brother, * nor give a ransom unto God for him,
8 (For it cost more to redeem their souls, * so that he must let that alone for ever;)
9 That he shall live alway, * and not see the grave.
10 For he seeth that wise men also die and perish together, * as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.
11 And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another; * and call the lands after their own names.
12 Nevertheless, man being in honor abideth not, * seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish;
13 This their way is very foolishness; * yet their posterity praise their saying.
14 They lie in the grave like sheep; death is their shepherd; and the righteous shall have dominion over them in the morning: * their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre, and have no abiding.
15 But God hath delivered my soul from the power of the grave; * for he shall receive me.
16 Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich, * or if the glory of his house be increased;
17 For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth, * neither shall his pomp follow him.
18 For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man; * and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee.
19 He shall follow the generation of his fathers, * and shall never see light.
20 Man that is in honor but hath no understanding * is compared unto the beasts that perish.

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50 *Deus deorum*

THE Lord, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, * and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
2 Out of Zion hath God appeared * in perfect beauty.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; * there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
4 He shall call the heaven from above, * and the earth, that he may judge his people.
5 Gather my saints together unto me; * those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; * for God is Judge himself.
7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; * I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.
8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices; * as for thy burnt-offerings, they are alway before me.
9 I will take no bullock out of thine house, * nor he-goats out of thy folds.
10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, * and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
11 I know all the fowls upon the mountains, * and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.
12 If I be hungry, I will not tell thee; * for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.
13 Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh, * and drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer unto God thanksgiving, * and pay thy vows unto the Most Highest.

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15 And call upon me in the time of trouble; * so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.
16 But unto the ungodly saith God, * Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth;
17 Whereas thou hatest to be reformed, * and hast cast my words behind thee?
18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him; * and hast been partaker with the adulterers.
19 Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness, * and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.
20 Thou sattest and spakest against thy brother; * yea, and hast slandered thine own mother's son.
21 These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue, and thou thoughtest wickedly, that I am even such a one as thyself; * but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the things that thou hast done.
22 O consider this, ye that forget God, * lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you.
23 Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoreth me; * and to him that ordereth his way aright, will I show the salvation of God.

51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses.
2 Wash me throughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my faults, * and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.

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5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; * thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
9 Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.
10 Make me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence, * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
12 O give me the comfort of thy help again, * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.
13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall show thy praise.
16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.
17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.
18 O be favorable and gracious unto Zion; * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

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52 *Quid gloriaris?*

WHY boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant, * that thou canst do mischief;
2 Whereas the goodness of God * endureth yet daily?
3 Thy tongue imagineth wickedness, * and with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor.
4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness, * and falsehood more than righteousness.
5 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt, * O thou false tongue.
6 Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever; * he shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land of the living.
7 The righteous also shall see this, and fear, * and shall laugh him to scorn:
8 Lo, this is the man that took not God for his strength; * but trusted unto the multitude of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.
9 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God; * my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.
10 I will alway give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done; * and I will hope in thy Name, for thy saints like it well.

Tenth Day: Evening Prayer

53 *Dixit insipiens*

THE foolish body hath said in his heart, * There is no God.
2 Corrupt are they, and become abominable in their wickedness; * there is none that doeth good.

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3 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, * to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable; * there is also none that doeth good, no not one.
5 Are not they without understanding that work wickedness, * eating up my people as if they would eat bread? they have not called upon God.
6 They were afraid where no fear was; * for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee; thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath despised them.
7 O that the salvation were given unto Israel out of Zion! * O that the Lord would deliver his people out of captivity!
8 Then should Jacob rejoice, * and Israel should be right glad.

54 *Deus, in Nomine*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, * and avenge me in thy strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God, * and hearken unto the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against me; * and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.
4 Behold, God is my helper; * the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: * destroy thou them in thy truth.
6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord; * because it is so comfortable.
7 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble; * and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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55 *Exaudi, Deus*

HEAR my prayer, O God, * and hide not thyself from my petition.
2 Take heed unto me, and hear me, * how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed;
3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast; * for they are minded to do me some mischief, so maliciously are they set against me.
4 My heart is disquieted within me, * and the fear of death is fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, * and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.
6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove! * for then would I flee away, and be at rest.
7 Lo, then would I get me away far off, * and remain in the wilderness.
8 I would make haste to escape, * because of the stormy wind and tempest.
9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them; * for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof: * mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.
11 Wickedness is therein; * deceit and guile go not out of her streets.
12 For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonor; * for then I could have borne it;
13 Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me; * for then peradventure I would have hid myself from him;
14 But it was even thou, my companion, * my guide, and mine own familiar friend.
15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked in the house of God as friends.

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16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down alive into the pit; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.
17 As for me, I will call upon God, * and the Lord shall save me.
18 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly; * and he shall hear my voice.
19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; * for there were many that strove with me.
20 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down; * for they will not turn, nor fear God.
21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him, * and he brake his covenant.
22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart; * his words were smoother than oil, and yet be they very swords.
23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee, * and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.
24 And as for them, * thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.
25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days: * nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O Lord.

Eleventh Day: Morning Prayer

56 *Miserere mei, Deus*

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me; * he is daily fighting, and troubling me.
2 Mine enemies are daily at hand to swallow me up; * for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most Highest.

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3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid; * yet put I my trust in thee.
4 I will praise God, because of his word: * I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
5 They daily mistake my words; * and all that they imagine is to do me evil.
6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close, * and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.
7 Shall they escape for their wickedness? * thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.
8 Thou tellest my wanderings; put my tears into thy bottle: * are not these things noted in thy book?
9 Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight: * this I know; for God is on my side.
10 In God's word will I rejoice; * in the Lord's word will I comfort me.
11 Yea, in God have I put my trust; * I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
12 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows; * unto thee will I give thanks.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

57 *Miserere mei, Deus*

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; * and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.
2 I will call unto the Most High God, * even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.
3 He shall send from heaven, * and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

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4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth: * my soul is among lions;
5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire, * whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; * and thy glory above all the earth.
7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul; * they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.
8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and give praise.
9 Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: * I myself will awake right early.
10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; * and I will sing unto thee among the nations.
11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, * and thy truth unto the clouds.
12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; * and thy glory above all the earth.

58 *Si vere utique*

ARE your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation? * and do ye judge the thing that is right, O ye sons of men?
2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your heart upon the earth, * and your hands deal with wickedness.
3 The ungodly are froward, even from their mother's womb; * as soon as they are born, they go astray, and speak lies.
4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent, * even like the deaf adder, that stoppeth her ears;
5 Which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer, * charm he never so wisely.

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6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; * smite the jaw-bones of the lions, O Lord.
7 Let them fall away like water that runneth apace; * when they shoot their arrows, let them be rooted out.
8 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the untimely fruit of a woman; * and let them not see the sun.
9 Or ever your pots be made hot with thorns, * he shall take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.
10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; * he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the ungodly.
11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous; * doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth.

Eleventh Day: Evening Prayer

59 *Eripe me de inimicis*

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God; * defend me from them that rise up against me.
2 O deliver me from the wicked doers, * and save me from the blood-thirsty men.
3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul; * the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offense or fault of me, O Lord.
4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault; * arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.
5 Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen, * and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.
6 They go to and fro in the evening, * they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

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7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips; * for who doth hear?
8 But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision, * and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.
9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee; * for thou art the God of my refuge.
10 God showeth me his goodness plenteously; * and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.
11 Slay them not, lest my people forget it; * but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord our defense.
12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be taken in their pride: * and why? their talk is of cursing and lies.
13 Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish; * and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.
14 And in the evening they will return, * grin like a dog, and will go about the city.
15 They will run here and there for meat, * and grudge if they be not satisfied.
16 As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning; * for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.
17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing; * for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

60 *Deus, repulisti nos*

O GOD, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad; * thou hast also been displeased: O turn thee unto us again.
2 Thou hast moved the land, and divided it: * heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.

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3 Thou hast showed thy people heavy things; * thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.
4 Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee, * that they may triumph because of the truth.
5 Therefore were thy beloved delivered: * help me with thy right hand, and hear me.
6 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice, and divide Shechem, * and mete out the valley of Succoth.
7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;
8 Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; * Philistia, be thou glad of me.
9 Who will lead me into the strong city? * Who will bring me into Edom?
10 Hast not thou cast us out, O God? * wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts?
11 O be thou our help in trouble; * for vain is the help of man.
12 Through God will we do great acts; * for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

61 *Exaudi, Deus*

HEAR my crying, O God, * give ear unto my prayer.
2 From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, * when my heart is in heaviness.
3 O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I; * for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, * and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.
5 For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires, * and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

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6 Thou shalt grant the King a long life, * that his years may endure throughout all generations.
7 He shall dwell before God for ever: * O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.
8 So will I alway sing praise unto thy Name, * that I may daily perform my vows.

Twelfth Day: Morning Prayer

62 *Nonne Deo?*

MY soul truly waiteth still upon God; * for of him cometh my salvation.
2 He verily is my strength and my salvation; * he is my defense, so that I shall not greatly fall.
3 How long will ye imagine mischief against every man? * Ye shall be slain all the sort of you; yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.
4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt; * their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.
5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God; * for my hope is in him.
6 He truly is my strength and my salvation; * he is my defense, so that I shall not fall.
7 In God is my health and my glory; * the rock of my might; and in God is my trust.
8 O put your trust in him alway, ye people; * pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.
9 As for the children of men, they are but vanity; the children of men are deceitful; * upon the weights they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

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10 O trust not in wrong and robbery; give not yourselves unto vanity: * if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same, * that power belongeth unto God;
12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful; * for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

63 *Deus, Deus meus*

O GOD, thou art my God; * early will I seek thee.
2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, * in a barren and dry land where no water is.
3 Thus have I looked for thee in the sanctuary, * that I might behold thy power and glory.
4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: * my lips shall praise thee.
5 As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, * and lift up my hands in thy Name.
6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness, * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed, * and thought upon thee when I was waking?
8 Because thou hast been my helper; * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
9 My soul hangeth upon thee; * thy right hand hath upholden me.
10 These also that seek the hurt of my soul, * they shall go under the earth.
11 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, * that they may be a portion for foxes.

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12 But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended; * for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

64 *Exaudi, Deus*

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer; * preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the gathering together of the froward, * and from the insurrection of wicked doers;
3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword, * and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;
4 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect: * suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.
5 They encourage themselves in mischief, * and commune among themselves, how they may lay snares; and say, that no man shall see them.
6 They imagine wickedness, and practice it; * that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.
7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow, * that they shall be wounded.
8 Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall; * insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.
9 And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done; * for they shall perceive that it is his work.
10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him; * and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

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65 *Te decet hymnus*

THOU, O God, art praised in Zion; * and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
2 Thou that hearest the prayer, * unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 My misdeeds prevail against me: * O be thou merciful unto our sins.
4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: * he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; * thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, * and is girded about with power.
7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea, * and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.
8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, * thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; * thou makest it very plenteous.
10 The river of God is full of water: * thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
11 Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; * thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; * and thy clouds drop fatness.

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13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; * and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
14 The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

66 *Jubilate Deo*

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; * sing praises unto the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.
2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works! * through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.
3 For all the world shall worship thee, * sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
4 O come hither, and behold the works of God; * how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
5 He turned the sea into dry land, * so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: * and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
7 O praise our God, ye peoples, * and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holdeth our soul in life; * and suffereth not our feet to slip.
9 For thou, O God, hast proved us; * thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10 Thou broughtest us into the snare; * and laidest trouble upon our loins.
11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; * we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

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12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows, * which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams; * I will offer bullocks and goats.
14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God; * and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.
15 I called unto him with my mouth, * and gave him praises with my tongue.
16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart, * the Lord will not hear me.
17 But God hath heard me; * and considered the voice of my prayer.
18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, * nor turned his mercy from me.

67 *Deus misereatur*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
2 That thy way may be known upon earth, * thy saving health among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad; * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7 God shall bless us; * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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68 *Exsurgat Deus*

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away; * and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad, and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name; magnify him that rideth upon the heavens; * praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows; * even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity; * but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people; * when thou wentest through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God; * even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, * and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein; * for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word; * great was the company of women that bare the tidings.

12 Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited, * and they of the household divided the spoil.

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13 Though ye have lain among the sheep-folds, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove * that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings for their sake, * then were they as white as snow in Salmon.
15 As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill; * even an high hill, as the hill of Bashan.
16 Why mock ye so, ye high hills? this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell; * yea, the Lord will abide in it for ever.
17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; * and the Lord is among them as in the holy place of Sinai.
18 Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts from men; * yea, even from thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.
19 Praised be the Lord daily, * even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.
20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: * God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.
21 God shall wound the head of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.
22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again, as I did from Bashan; * mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the sea.
23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, * and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red through the same.
24 It is well seen, O God, how thou goest; * how thou, my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.
25 The singers go before, the minstrels follow after, * in the midst of the damsels playing with the timbrels.
26 Give thanks unto God the Lord in the congregation, * ye that are of the fountain of Israel.

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27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their council; * the princes of Zebulon, and the princes of Naphthali.
28 Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee; * stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us,
29 For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem; * so shall kings bring presents unto thee.
30 Rebuke thou the dragon and the bull, with the leaders of the heathen, so that they humbly bring pieces of silver; * scatter thou the peoples that delight in war;
31 Then shall the princes come out of Egypt; * the Morians' land shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.
32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth; * O sing praises unto the Lord;
33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all, from the beginning: * lo, he doth send out his voice; yea, and that a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel; * his worship and strength is in the clouds.
35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places: * even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Thirteenth Day: Evening Prayer

69 *Salvum me fac*

SAVE me, O God; * for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.
2 I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is; * I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.
3 I am weary of crying; my throat is dry; * my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

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4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; * they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.
5 I paid them the things that I never took: * God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.
6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause; * let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.
7 And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof; * shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, * even an alien unto my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me; * and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.
10 I wept, and chastened myself with fasting, * and that was turned to my reproof.
11 I put on sackcloth also, * and they jested upon me.
12 They that sit in the gate speak against me, * and the drunkards make songs upon me.
13 But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee * in an acceptable time.
14 Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy, * even in the truth of thy salvation.
15 Take me out of the mire, that I sink not; * O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
16 Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
17 Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable; * turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

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18 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble; * O haste thee, and hear me.
19 Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it; * O deliver me, because of mine enemies.
20 Thou hast known my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor: * mine adversaries are all in thy sight.
21 Reproach hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness: * I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.
22 They gave me gall to eat; * and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.
23 Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal; * and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.
24 Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not; * and ever bow thou down their backs.
25 Pour out thine indignation upon them, * and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.
26 Let their habitation be void, * and no man to dwell in their tents.
27 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; * and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.
28 Let them fall from one wickedness to another, * and not come into thy righteousness.
29 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living, * and not be written among the righteous.
30 As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness, * thy help, O God, shall lift me up.
31 I will praise the Name of God with a song, * and magnify it with thanksgiving.
32 This also shall please the Lord * better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
33 The humble shall consider this, and be glad; * seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.
34 For the Lord heareth the poor, * and despiseth not his prisoners.

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35 Let heaven and earth praise him: * the sea, and all that moveth therein.
36 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah, * that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.
37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it; * and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

70 *Deus, in adjutorium*

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me; * make haste to help me, O Lord.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; * let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.
3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame, * that cry over me, There! there!
4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: * and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.
5 As for me, I am poor and in misery: * haste thee unto me, O God.
6 Thou art my helper, and my redeemer: * O Lord, make no long tarrying.

Fourteenth Day: Morning Prayer

71 *In te, Domine, speravi*

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, * but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

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2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort: * thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defense, and my castle.
3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, * out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
4 For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: * thou art my hope, even from my youth.
5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: * thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be alway of thee.
6 I am become as it were a monster unto many, * but my sure trust is in thee.
7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, * that I may sing of thy glory and honor all the day long.
8 Cast me not away in the time of age; * forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
9 For mine enemies speak against me; * and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying,
10 God hath forsaken him; * persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.
11 Go not far from me, O God: * my God, haste thee to help me.
12 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul; * let them be covered with shame and dishonor that seek to do me evil.
13 As for me, I will patiently abide alway, * and will praise thee more and more.
14 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; * for I know no end thereof.
15 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, * and will make mention of thy righteousness only.
16 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; * therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

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17 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed, * until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.
18 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, * and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!
19 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; * yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.
20 Thou hast brought me to great honor, * and comforted me on every side:
21 Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: * unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
22 My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee; * and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.
23 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; * for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

72 *Deus, judicium*

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God, * and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, * and defend the poor.
3 The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right, * defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, * from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, * even as the drops that water the earth.

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7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, * and from the river unto the world's end.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; * his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; * the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
11 All kings shall fall down before him; * all nations shall do him service.
12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; * the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
13 He shall be favorable to the simple and needy, * and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia; * prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.
16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: * and they of the city shall flourish like grass upon the earth.
17 His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities, which shall be blessed in him; * and all the nations shall praise him.
18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, * which only doeth wondrous things;
19 And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever: * and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

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Book Three

Fourteenth Day: Evening Prayer

73 *Quam bonus Israel!*

TRULY God is loving unto Israel: * even unto such as are of a clean heart.
2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone, * my treadings had well-nigh slipt.
3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked: * I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.
4 For they are in no peril of death; * but are lusty and strong.
5 They come in no misfortune like other folk; * neither are they plagued like other men.
6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride, * and cruelty covereth them as a garment.
7 Their eyes swell with fatness, * and they do even what they lust.
8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy; * their talking is against the Most High.
9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven, * and their tongue goeth through the world.
10 Therefore fall the people unto them, * and thereout suck they no small advantage.
11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it? * is there knowledge in the Most High?
12 Lo, these are the ungodly, * these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession:
13 And I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, * and washed my hands in innocency.
14 All the day long have I been punished, * and chastened every morning.

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15 Yea, and I had almost said even as they; * but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.
16 Then thought I to understand this; * but it was too hard for me,
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God: * then understood I the end of these men;
18 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places, * and castest them down, and destroyest them.
19 O how suddenly do they consume, * perish, and come to a fearful end!
20 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh; * so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.
21 Thus my heart was grieved, * and it went even through my reins.
22 So foolish was I, and ignorant, * even as it were a beast before thee.
23 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee; * for thou hast holden me by my right hand.
24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, * and after that receive me with glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? * and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.
26 My flesh and my heart faileth; * but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.
27 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish; * thou hast destroyed all them that are unfaithful unto thee.
28 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God, * and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

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74 *Ut quid, Deus?*

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long? * why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?
2 O think upon thy congregation, * whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.
3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance, * and Mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy, * which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.
5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations, * and set up their banners for tokens.
6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees, * was known to bring it to an excellent work.
7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof * with axes and hammers.
8 They have set fire upon thy holy places, * and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.
9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havoc of them altogether: * thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.
10 We see not our tokens; there is not one prophet more; * no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.
11 O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonor? * shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name for ever?
12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand? * why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?
13 For God is my King of old; * the help that is done upon earth, he doeth it himself.
14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power; * thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
15 Thou smotest the heads of leviathan in pieces, * and gavest him to be meat for the people of the wilderness.

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16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks; * thou driedst up mighty waters.
17 The day is thine, and the night is thine; * thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; * thou hast made summer and winter.
19 Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked; * and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.
20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies; * and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.
21 Look upon the covenant; * for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.
22 O let not the simple go away ashamed; * but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.
23 Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause; * remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.
24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: * the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

Fifteenth Day: Morning Prayer

75 *Confitebimur tibi*

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks; * yea, unto thee do we give thanks.
2 Thy Name also is so nigh; * and that do thy wondrous works declare.
3 In the appointed time, saith God, * I shall judge according unto right.
4 The earth is weak, and all the inhabiters thereof: * I bear up the pillars of it.
5 I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly; * and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

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6 Set not up your horn on high, * and speak not with a stiff neck.
7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, * nor yet from the south.
8 And why? God is the Judge; * he putteth down one, and setteth up another.
9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; * it is full mixt, and he poureth out of the same.
10 As for the dregs thereof, * all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.
11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob, * and praise him for ever.
12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break, * and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76 *Notus in Judaea*

IN Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.
2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Zion.
3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, * the shield, the sword, and the battle.
4 Thou art glorious in might, * when thou comest from the hills of the robbers.
5 The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep; * and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both the chariot and horse are fallen.
7 Thou, even thou art to be feared; * and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven; * the earth trembled, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment, * and to help all the meek upon earth.

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10 The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise; * and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.
11 Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him; * bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
12 He shall refrain the spirit of princes, * and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

77 *Voce mea ad Dominum*

I WILL cry unto God with my voice; * even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.
2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: * I stretched forth my hands unto him, and ceased not in the night season; my soul refused comfort.
3 When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; * when my heart is vexed, I will complain.
4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: * I am so feeble that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old, * and the years that are past.
6 I call to remembrance my song, * and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.
7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever? * and will he be no more intreated?
8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? * and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? * and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?
10 And I said, It is mine own infirmity; * but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most Highest.

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11 I will remember the works of the Lord, * and call to mind thy wonders of old time.
12 I will think also of all thy works, * and my talking shall be of thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is holy: * who is so great a God as our God?
14 Thou art the God that doest wonders, * and hast declared thy power among the peoples.
15 Thou hast mightily delivered thy people, * even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid; * the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water, the air thundered, * and thine arrows went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder was heard round about: * the lightnings shone upon the ground; the earth was moved, and shook withal.
19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters, * and thy footsteps are not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like sheep, * by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Fifteenth Day: Evening Prayer

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Part I *Attendite, popule*

HEAR my law, O my people; * incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * I will declare hard sentences of old;
3 Which we have heard and known, * and such as our fathers have told us;

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4 That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come; * but to show the honor of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.
5 He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law, * which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;
6 That their posterity might know it, * and the children which were yet unborn;
7 To the intent that when they came up, * they might show their children the same;
8 That they might put their trust in God; * and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments;
9 And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation; * a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit clave not steadfastly unto God;
10 Like as the children of Ephraim; * who being harnessed, and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle.
11 They kept not the covenant of God, * and would not walk in his law;
12 But forgat what he had done, * and the wonderful works that he had showed for them.
13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt, * even in the field of Zoan.
14 He divided the sea, and let them go through; * he made the waters to stand on an heap.
15 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, * and all the night through with a light of fire.
16 He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness, * and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.
17 He brought waters out of the stony rock, * so that it gushed out like the rivers.
18 Yet for all this they sinned more against him, * and provoked the Most Highest in the wilderness.

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19 They tempted God in their hearts, * and required meat for their lust.
20 They spake against God also, saying, * Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness?
21 He smote the stony rock indeed, that the water gushed out, and the streams flowed withal; * but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?
22 When the Lord heard this, he was wroth; * so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel;
23 Because they believed not in God, * and put not their trust in his help.
24 So he commanded the clouds above, * and opened the doors of heaven.
25 He rained down manna also upon them for to eat, * and gave them food from heaven.
26 So man did eat angels' food; * for he sent them meat enough.
27 He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven; * and through his power he brought in the southwest-wind.
28 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust, * and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
29 He let it fall among their tents, * even round about their habitation.
30 So they did eat, and were well filled; for he gave them their own desire: * they were not disappointed of their lust.
31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them; * yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.
32 But for all this they sinned yet more, * and believed not his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, * and their years in trouble.

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34 When he slew them, they sought him, * and turned them early, and inquired after God.
35 And they remembered that God was their strength, * and that the High God was their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth, * and dissembled with him in their tongue.
37 For their heart was not whole with him, * neither continued they steadfast in his covenant.
38 But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds, * and destroyed them not.
39 Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away, * and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.
40 For he considered that they were but flesh, * and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

Part II *Quoties exacerbaverunt*

41 Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness, * and grieved him in the desert.
42 They turned back, and tempted God, * and provoked the Holy One in Israel.
43 They thought not of his hand, * and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;
44 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt, * and his wonders in the field of Zoan.
45 He turned their waters into blood, * so that they might not drink of the rivers.
46 He sent flies among them, and devoured them up; * and frogs to destroy them.
47 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar, * and their labor unto the grasshopper.
48 He destroyed their vines with hailstones, * and their mulberry-trees with the frost.

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49 He smote their cattle also with hailstones, * and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.
50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble; * and sent evil angels among them.
51 He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death; * but gave their life over to the pestilence;
52 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt, * the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.
53 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep, * and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.
54 He brought them out safely, that they should not fear, * and overwhelmed their enemies with the sea.
55 And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary, * even to this mountain, which he purchased with his right hand.
56 He cast out the heathen also before them, * caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
57 Yet they tempted and displeased the Most High God, * and kept not his testimonies.
58 They turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers; * starting aside like a broken bow.
59 For they grieved him with their hill-altars, * and provoked him to displeasure with their images.
60 When God heard this, he was wroth, * and took sore displeasure at Israel;
61 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Shiloh, * even the tent that he had pitched among men.
62 He delivered their power into captivity, * and their beauty into the enemy's hand.
63 He gave his people over also unto the sword, * and was wroth with his inheritance.
64 The fire consumed their young men, * and their maidens were not given in marriage.

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65 Their priests were slain with the sword, * and there were no widows to make lamentation.
66 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, * and like a giant refreshed with wine.
67 He drave his enemies backward, * and put them to a perpetual shame.
68 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, * and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
69 But chose the tribe of Judah, * even the hill of Zion which he loved.
70 And there he built his temple on high, * and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.
71 He chose David also his servant, * and took him away from the sheep-folds:
72 As he was following the ewes with their young he took him, * that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
73 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart, * and ruled them prudently with all his power.

Sixteenth Day: Morning Prayer

79 *Deus, venerunt*

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; * thy holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the air, * and the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the land.
3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no man to bury them.
4 We are become an open shame to our enemies, * a very scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.

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5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angry? * shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?
6 Pour out thine indignation upon the heathen that have not known thee; * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy Name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob, * and laid waste his dwelling-place.
8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon; * for we are come to great misery.
9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: * O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.
10 Wherefore do the heathen say, * Where is now their God?
11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blood that is shed, * be openly showed upon the heathen, in our sight.
12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee; * according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die.
13 And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbors have blasphemed thee, * reward thou them, O Lord, sevenfold into their bosom.
14 So we, that are thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever, * and will alway be showing forth thy praise from generation to generation.

80 *Qui regis Israel*

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; * show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.
2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

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3 Turn us again, O God; * show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
4 O Lord God of hosts, * how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, * and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; * show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; * thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
9 Thou madest room for it; * and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, * and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea, * and her boughs unto the River.
12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge, * that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, * and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven, * behold, and visit this vine;
15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted, * and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down; * and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, * and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
18 And so will not we go back from thee: * O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.
19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; * show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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81 *Exultate Deo*

SING we merrily unto God our strength; * make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, * the merry harp with the lute.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, * even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.
4 For this was made a statute for Israel, * and a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, * when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.
6 I eased his shoulder from the burden, * and his hands were delivered from making the pots.
7 Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee; * and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.
8 I proved thee also * at the waters of strife.
9 Hear, O my people; and I will assure thee, O Israel, * if thou wilt hearken unto me,
10 There shall no strange god be in thee, * neither shalt thou worship any other god.
11 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: * open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
12 But my people would not hear my voice; * and Israel would not obey me;
13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts, * and let them follow their own imaginations.
14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me! * for if Israel had walked in my ways,
15 I should soon have put down their enemies, * and turned my hand against their adversaries.

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16 The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him; * but their time should have endured for ever.
17 I would have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour; * and with honey out of the stony rock would I have satisfied thee.

Sixteenth Day: Evening Prayer

82 *Deus stetit*

GOD standeth in the congregation of princes; * he is a Judge among gods.
2 How long will ye give wrong judgment, * and accept the persons of the ungodly?
3 Defend the poor and fatherless; * see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
4 Deliver the outcast and poor; * save them from the hand of the ungodly.
5 They know not, neither do thy understand, but walk on still in darkness: * all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, Ye are gods, * and ye are all the children of the Most Highest.
7 But ye shall die like men, * and fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth; * for thou shalt take all nations to thine inheritance.

83 *Deus, quis similis?*

HOLD not thy tongue, O God, keep not still silence: * refrain not thyself, O God.

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2 For lo, thine enemies make a murmuring; * and they that hate thee have lift up their head.
3 They have imagined craftily against thy people, * and taken counsel against thy secret ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us root them out, that they be no more a people, * and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have cast their heads together with one consent, * and are confederate against thee:
6 The tabernacles of the Edomites, and the Ishmaelites; * the Moabites, and Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; * the Philistines, with them that dwell at Tyre.
8 Assyria also is joined with them; * they have holpen the children of Lot.
9 But do thou to them as unto the Midianites; * unto Sisera, and unto Jabin at the brook of Kishon;
10 Who perished at Endor, * and became as the dung of the earth.
11 Make them and their princes like Oreb and Zeeb; * yea, make all their princes like as Zebah and Zalmunna;
12 Who say, Let us take to ourselves * the houses of God in possession.
13 O my God, make them like unto the whirling dust, * and as the stubble before the wind;
14 Like as the fire that burneth up the forest, * and as the flame that consumeth the mountains;
15 Pursue them even so with thy tempest, * and make them afraid with thy storm.
16 Make their faces ashamed, O Lord, * that they may seek thy Name.
17 Let them be confounded and vexed ever more and more; * let them be put to shame, and perish.
18 And they shall know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah, * art only the Most Highest over all the earth.

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84 *Quam dilecta!*

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, * thou Lord of hosts!
2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; * they will be alway praising thee.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; * in whose heart are thy ways.
6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; * and the pools are filled with water.
7 They will go from strength to strength, * and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Zion.
8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
9 Behold, O God our defender, * and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For one day in thy courts * is better than a thousand.
11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, * than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12 For the Lord God is a light and defense; * the Lord will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
13 O Lord God of hosts, * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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85 *Benedixisti, Domine*

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offense of thy people, * and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, * and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4 Turn us then, O God our Savior, * and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? * and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, * that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Show us thy mercy, O Lord, * and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say; * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and shall direct his going in the way.

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86 *Inclina, Domine*

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; * for I am poor, and in misery.
2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: * my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord; * for I will call daily upon thee.
4 Comfort the soul of thy servant; * for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, * and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, * and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; * for thou hearest me.
8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; * there is not one that can do as thou doest.
9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord; * and shall glorify thy Name.
10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: * thou art God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: * O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; * and will praise thy Name for evermore.
13 For great is thy mercy toward me; * and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen against me; * and the congregations of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.
15 But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

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16 O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me; * give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.
17 Show some token upon me for good; that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed, * because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

87 *Fundamenta ejus*

HER foundations are upon the holy hills: * the Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee, * thou city of God.
3 I will make mention of Egypt and Babylon, * among them that know me.
4 Behold, Philistia also; and Tyre, with Ethiopia; * lo, in Zion were they born.
5 Yea, of Zion it shall be reported, this one and that one were born in her; * and the Most High shall stablish her.
6 The Lord shall record it, when he writeth up the peoples; * lo, in Zion were they born.
7 The singers also and trumpeters shall make answer: * All my fresh springs are in thee.

88 *Domine, Deus*

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: * O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling;
2 For my soul is full of trouble, * and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
3 I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit, * and I am even as a man that hath no strength;

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4 Cast off among the dead, like unto them that are slain, and lie in the grave, * who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.
5 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, * in a place of darkness, and in the deep.
6 Thine indignation lieth hard upon me, * and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.
7 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me, * and made me to be abhorred of them.
8 I am so fast in prison * that I cannot get forth.
9 My sight faileth for very trouble; * Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.
10 Dost thou show wonders among the dead? * or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?
11 Shall thy loving-kindness be showed in the grave? * or thy faithfulness in destruction?
12 Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark? * and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?
13 Unto thee have I cried, O Lord; * and early shall my prayer come before thee.
14 Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul, * and hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die; * even from my youth up, thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.
16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me, * and the fear of thee hath undone me.
17 They came round about me daily like water, * and compassed me together on every side.
18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me, * and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

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Part I *Misericordias Domini*

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord; * with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever; * thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.
3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; * I have sworn unto David my servant:
4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever, * and set up thy throne from one generation to another.
5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works; * and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
6 For who is he among the clouds, * that shall be compared unto the Lord?
7 And what is he among the gods, * that shall be like unto the Lord?
8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints, * and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.
9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee? * thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.
10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea; * thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.
11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it; * thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; * thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.
13 Thou hast made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

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14 Thou hast a mighty arm; * strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat; * mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
16 Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee; * they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.
17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name; * and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.
18 For thou art the glory of their strength, * and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.
19 For the Lord is our defense; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Part II *Tunc locutus es*

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst, * I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.
22 My hand shall hold him fast, * and my arm shall strengthen him.
23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; * the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
24 I will smite down his foes before his face, * and plague them that hate him.
25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; * and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
26 I will set his dominion also in the sea, * and his right hand in the floods.
27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father, * my God, and my strong salvation.
28 And I will make him my firstborn, * higher than the kings of the earth.
29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, * and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

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30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, * and his throne as the days of heaven.
31 But if his children forsake my law, * and walk not in my judgments;
32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; * I will visit their offenses with the rod, and their sin with scourges.
33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, * nor suffer my truth to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: * I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.
35 His seed shall endure for ever, * and his throne is like as the sun before me.
36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon, * and as the faithful witness in heaven.
37 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine anointed, * and art displeased at him.
38 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant, * and cast his crown to the ground.
39 Thou hast overthrown all his hedges * and broken down his strongholds.
40 All they that go by spoil him, * and he is become a reproach to his neighbors.
41 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies, * and made all his adversaries to rejoice.
42 Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword, * and givest him not victory in the battle.
43 Thou hast put out his glory, * and cast his throne down to the ground.
44 The days of his youth hast thou shortened, * and covered him with dishonor.
45 Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself? for ever? * and shall thy wrath burn like fire?
46 O remember how short my time is; * wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?

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47 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? * and shall he deliver his soul from the power of the grave?
48 Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses, * which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
49 Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have, * and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;
50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, * and slandered the footsteps of thine anointed.
51 Praised be the Lord for evermore. * Amen, and Amen.

Book Four

Eighteenth Day: Morning Prayer

90 *Domine, refugium*

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, * from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, * thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction; * again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, * and as a watch in the night.
5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep; * and fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up; * but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
7 For we consume away in thy displeasure, * and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee; * and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

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9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone: * we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, * yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? * or feareth aright thy indignation?
12 So teach us to number our days, * that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last, * and be gracious unto thy servants.
14 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us; * and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
16 Show thy servants thy work, * and their children thy glory.
17 And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: * prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handy-work.

91 *Qui habitat*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defense of the Most High, * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; * my God, in him will I trust.
3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, * and from the noisome pestilence.
4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; * his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, * nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

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6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, * nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; * but it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold * and see the reward of the ungodly.
9 For thou, Lord, art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defense very high.
10 There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; * I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; * yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

92 *Bonum est confiteri*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, * and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.
2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, * and of thy truth in the night season;
3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; * upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

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4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works; * and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.
5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works! * thy thoughts are very deep.
6 An unwise man doth not well consider this, * and a fool doth not understand it.
7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish, * then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, Lord, art the Most Highest for evermore.
8 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish; * and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.
9 But my horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn; * for I am anointed with fresh oil.
10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies, * and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.
11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.
12 Such as are planted in the house of the Lord, * shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.
13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, * and shall be fat and well-liking;
14 That they may show how true the Lord my strength is, * and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

Eighteenth Day: Evening Prayer

93 *Dominus regnavit*

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; * the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

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2 He hath made the round world so sure, * that it cannot be moved.
3 Ever since the world began, hath thy seat been prepared: * thou art from everlasting.
4 The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice; * the floods lift up their waves.
5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly; * but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
6 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: * holiness becometh thine house for ever.

94 *Deus ultionum*

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth, * thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.
2 Arise, thou Judge of the world, * and reward the proud after their deserving.
3 Lord, how long shall the ungodly, * how long shall the ungodly triumph?
4 How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully, * and make such proud boasting?
5 They smite down thy people, O Lord, * and trouble thine heritage.
6 They murder the widow and the stranger, * and put the fatherless to death.
7 And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see, * neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.
8 Take heed, ye unwise among the people: * O ye fools, when will ye understand?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? * or he that made the eye, shall he not see?
10 Or he that instructeth the heathen, * it is he that teacheth man knowledge; shall not he punish?
11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, * that they are but vain.

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12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, * and teachest him in thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity, * until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.
14 For the Lord will not fail his people; * neither will he forsake his inheritance;
15 Until righteousness turn again unto judgment: * all such as are true in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up with me against the wicked? * or who will take my part against the evil doers?
17 If the Lord had not helped me, * it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.
18 But when I said, My foot hath slipt; * thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.
19 In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, * thy comforts have refreshed my soul.
20 Wilt thou have any thing to do with the throne of wickedness, * which imagineth mischief as a law?
21 They gather them together against the soul of the righteous, * and condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the Lord is my refuge, * and my God is the strength of my confidence.
23 He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice; * yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.

Nineteenth Day: Morning Prayer

95 *Venite, exultemus*

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

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3 For the Lord is a great God; * and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it; * and his hands prepared the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
8 Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
9 When your fathers tempted me, * proved me, and saw my works.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:
11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath, * that they should not enter into my rest.

96 *Cantate Domino*

O SING unto the Lord a new song; * sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; * be telling of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his honor unto the heathen, * and his wonders unto all peoples.
4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; * but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
6 Glory and worship are before him; * power and honor are in his sanctuary.

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7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, * ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; * bring presents, and come into his courts.
9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
10 Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King, and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; * and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; * let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; * then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; * and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

97 *Dominus regnavit*

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof; * yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: * righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.
3 There shall go a fire before him, * and burn up his enemies on every side.
4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world: * the earth saw it, and was afraid.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord; * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, * and all the peoples have seen his glory.
7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: * worship him, all ye gods.

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8 Zion heard of it, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judah were glad, * because of thy judgments, O Lord.
9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: * thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: * the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; * and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Nineteenth Day: Evening Prayer

98 *Cantate Domino*

O SING unto the Lord a new song; * for he hath done marvelous things.
2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, * hath he gotten himself the victory.
3 The Lord declared his salvation; * his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; * sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
6 Praise the Lord upon the harp; * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7 With trumpets also and shawms, * O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.
8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; * the round world, and they that dwell therein.

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9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; * for he is come to judge the earth.
10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, * and the peoples with equity.

99 *Dominus regnavit*

THE Lord is King, be the people never so impatient; * he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet.
2 The Lord is great in Zion, * and high above all people.
3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name, * which is great, wonderful, and holy.
4 The King's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity, * thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
5 O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool; * for he is holy.
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name; * these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; * for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God; * thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.
9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the Lord our God is holy.

100 *Jubilate Deo*

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: * serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

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2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; * we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; * be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

101 *Misericordiam et judicium*

MY song shall be of mercy and judgment; * unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.
2 O let me have understanding * in the way of godliness!
3 When wilt thou come unto me? * I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.
4 I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness; * there shall no such cleave unto me.
5 A froward heart shall depart from me; * I will not know a wicked person.
6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, * him will I destroy.
7 Whoso hath also a haughty look and a proud heart, * I will not suffer him.
8 Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land, * that they may dwell with me.
9 Whoso leadeth a godly life, * he shall be my servant.
10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house; * he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land; * that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

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102 *Domine, exaudi*

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, * and let my crying come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; * incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.
3 For my days are consumed away like smoke, * and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.
4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; * so that I forget to eat my bread.
5 For the voice of my groaning, * my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.
6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, * and like an owl that is in the desert.
7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow, * that sitteth alone upon the housetop.
8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long; * and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.
9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, * and mingled my drink with weeping;
10 And that, because of thine indignation and wrath; * for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.
11 My days are gone like a shadow, * and I am withered like grass.
12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, * and thy remembrance throughout all generations.
13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; * for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.
14 And why? thy servants think upon her stones, * and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.
15 The nations shall fear thy Name, O Lord; * and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;

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16 When the Lord shall build up Zion, * and when his glory shall appear;
17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute, * and despiseth not their desire.
18 This shall be written for those that come after, * and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.
19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary; * out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;
20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity, * and deliver them that are appointed unto death;
21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Zion, * and his worship at Jerusalem;
22 When the peoples are gathered together, * and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.
23 He brought down my strength in my journey, * and shortened my days.
24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; * as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.
25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: * they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; * but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
28 The children of thy servants shall continue, * and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

103 *Benedic, anima mea*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; * and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

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2 Praise the Lord, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine infirmities;
4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, * and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, * making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment * for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7 He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel.
8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 He will not alway be chiding; * neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; * nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; * so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
12 Look how wide also the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from us.
13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; * even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth whereof we are made; * he remembereth that we are but dust.
15 The days of man are but as grass; * for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; * and the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; * and his righteousness upon children's children;
18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, * and think upon his commandments to do them.

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19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, * and his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: * ye that fulfill his commandment, and hearken to the voice of his word.
21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; * ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: * praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Twentieth Day: Evening Prayer

104 *Benedic, anima mea*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: * O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honor.
2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment, * and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, * and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.
4 He maketh his angels winds, * and his ministers a flaming fire.
5 He laid the foundations of the earth, * that it never should move at any time.
6 Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment; * the waters stand above the hills.
7 At thy rebuke they flee; * at the voice of thy thunder they haste away.
8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath; * even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.
9 Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass, * neither turn again to cover the earth.

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10 He sendeth the springs into the rivers, * which run among the hills.
11 All beasts of the field drink thereof, * and the wild asses quench their thirst.
12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation, * and sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the hills from above; * the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.
14 He bringeth forth grass for the cattle, * and green herb for the service of men;
15 That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man; * and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.
16 The trees of the Lord also are full of sap; * even the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;
17 Wherein the birds make their nests; * and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.
18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; * and so are the stony rocks for the conies.
19 He appointed the moon for certain seasons, * and the sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness that it may be night; * wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.
21 The lions, roaring after their prey, * do seek their meat from God.
22 The sun ariseth, and they get them away together, * and lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labor, * until the evening.
24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! * in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.
25 So is the great and wide sea also; * wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

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26 There go the ships, and there is that leviathan, * whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.
27 These wait all upon thee, * that thou mayest give them meat in due season.
28 When thou givest it them, they gather it; * and when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good.
29 When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: * when thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.
30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made; * and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever; * the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him; * if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.
33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.
34 And so shall my words please him: * my joy shall be in the Lord.
35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, * and the ungodly shall come to an end.
36 Praise thou the Lord, O my soul. * Praise the Lord.

Twenty-first Day: Morning Prayer

105

Part I *Confitemini Domino*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; * tell the people what things he hath done.
2 O let your songs be of him, and praise him; * and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

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3 Rejoice in his holy Name; * let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
4 Seek the Lord and his strength; * seek his face evermore.
5 Remember the marvelous works that he hath done; * his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, * ye children of Jacob his chosen.
7 He is the Lord our God; * his judgments are in all the world.
8 He hath been alway mindful of his covenant and promise, * that he made to a thousand generations;
9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham; * and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;
10 And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law, * and to Israel for an everlasting testament;
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, * the lot of your inheritance:
12 When there were yet but a few of them, * and they strangers in the land;
13 What time as they went from one nation to another, * from one kingdom to another people;
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong, * but reproved even kings for their sakes;
15 Touch not mine anointed, * and do my prophets no harm.
16 Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land, * and destroyed all the provision of bread.
17 But he had sent a man before them, * even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;
18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks; * the iron entered into his soul;
19 Until the time came that his cause was known: * the word of the Lord tried him.
20 The king sent, and delivered him; * the prince of the people let him go free.

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21 He made him lord also of his house, * and ruler of all his substance;
22 That he might inform his princes after his will, * and teach his senators wisdom.

Part II *Et intravit Israel*

23 Israel also came into Egypt, * and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people exceedingly, * and made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people, * and dealt untruly with his servants.
26 Then sent he Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 And these showed his tokens among them, * and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and it was dark; * and they were not obedient unto his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood, * and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs; * yea, even in their kings' chambers.
31 He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies, * and lice in all their quarters.
32 He gave them hailstones for rain; * and flames of fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and fig-trees; * and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.
34 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and caterpillars innumerable, * and did eat up all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
35 He smote all the firstborn in their land; * even the chief of all their strength.

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36 He brought them forth also with silver and gold; * there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
37 Egypt was glad at their departing; * for they were afraid of them.
38 He spread out a cloud to be a covering, * and fire to give light in the night season.
39 At their desire he brought quails; * and he filled them with the bread of heaven.
40 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out, * so that rivers ran in the dry places.
41 For why? he remembered his holy promise; * and Abraham his servant.
42 And he brought forth his people with joy, * and his chosen with gladness;
43 And gave them the lands of the heathen; * and they took the labors of the people in possession;
44 That they might keep his statutes, * and observe his laws.

Twenty-first Day: Evening Prayer

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Part I *Confitemini Domino*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, * or show forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that alway keep judgment, * and do righteousness.
4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favor that thou bearest unto thy people; * O visit me with thy salvation;

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5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, * and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers; * we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.
7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance; * but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake, * that he might make his power to be known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; * so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the adversary's hand, * and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.
11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them; * there was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they his words, * and sang praise unto him.
13 But within a while they forgat his works, * and would not abide his counsel.
14 But lust came upon them in the wilderness, * and they tempted God in the desert.
15 And he gave them their desire, * and sent leanness withal into their soul.
16 They angered Moses also in the tents, * and Aaron the saint of the Lord.
17 So the earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan, * and covered the congregation of Abiram.
18 And the fire was kindled in their company; * the flame burnt up the ungodly.

Part II *Et fecerunt vitulum*

19 They made a calf in Horeb * and worshiped the molten image.

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20 Thus they turned their glory * into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.
21 And they forgat God their Savior, * who had done so great things in Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham; * and fearful things by the Red Sea.
23 So he said he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap, * to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.
24 Yea, they thought scorn of that pleasant land, * and gave no credence unto his word;
25 But murmured in their tents, * and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.
26 Then lift he up his hand against them, * to overthrow them in the wilderness;
27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor, * and ate the offerings of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their own inventions; * and the plague was great among them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and interposed; * and so the plague ceased.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness, * among all posterities for evermore.
32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, * so that he punished Moses for their sakes;
33 Because they provoked his spirit, * so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 Neither destroyed they the heathen, * as the Lord commanded them;
35 But were mingled among the heathen, * and learned their works.

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36 Insomuch that they worshiped their idols, which became a snare unto them; * yea, they offered their sons and their daughters unto devils;
37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, * whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood.
38 Thus were they stained with their own works, * and went a whoring with their own inventions.
39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, * insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
40 And he gave them over into the hand of the heathen; * and they that hated them were lords over them.
41 Their enemies oppressed them, * and had them in subjection.
42 Many a time did he deliver them; * but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, and were brought down in their wickedness.
43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity, * he heard their complaint.
44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them, according unto the multitude of his mercies; * yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.
45 Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen; * that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, and make our boast of thy praise.
46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from everlasting, and world without end; * And let all the people say, Amen.

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Book Five

Twenty-second Day: Morning Prayer

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Part I *Confitemini Domino*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, * and delivered from the hand of the enemy;
3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west; * from the north, and from the south.
4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way, * and found no city to dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty, * their soul fainted in them.
6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
7 He led them forth by the right way, * that they might go to the city where they dwelt.
8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
9 For he satisfieth the empty soul, * and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10 Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * being fast bound in misery and iron;
11 Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord, * and lightly regarded the counsel of the Most Highest;
12 He also brought down their heart through heaviness: * they fell down, and there was none to help them.
13 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, * he delivered them out of their distress.

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14 For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death, * and brake their bonds in sunder.
15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, * and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.
17 Foolish men are plagued for their offense, * and because of their wickedness.
18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat, * and they were even hard at death's door.
19 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, * he delivered them out of their distress.
20 He sent his word, and healed them; * and they were saved from their destruction.
21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and tell out his works with gladness!
23 They that go down to the sea in ships, * and occupy their business in great waters;
24 These men see the works of the Lord, * and his wonders in the deep.
25 For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, * which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep; * their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, * and are at their wit's end.
28 So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, * he delivereth them out of their distress.
29 For he maketh the storm to cease, * so that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad, because they are at rest; * and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

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31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people, * and praise him in the seat of the elders!

Part II *Posuit flumina*

33 He turneth the floods into a wilderness, * and drieth up the water-springs.
34 A fruitful land maketh he barren, * for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water, * and water-springs of a dry ground.
36 And there he setteth the hungry, * that they may build them a city to dwell in;
37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards, * to yield them fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly; * and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 And again, when they are minished and brought low * through oppression, through any plague or trouble;
40 Though he suffer them to be evil entreated through tyrants, * and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;
41 Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery, * and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.
42 The righteous will consider this, and rejoice; * and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.
43 Whoso is wise, will ponder these things; * and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

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108 *Paratum cor meum*

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; * I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.
2 Awake, thou lute and harp; * I myself will awake right early.
3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; * I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, * and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, * and thy glory above all the earth;
6 That thy beloved may be delivered: * let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
7 God hath spoken in his holiness; * I will rejoice therefore, and divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; * Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my lawgiver;
9 Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; * upon Philistia will I triumph.
10 Who will lead me into the strong city? * and who will bring me into Edom?
11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God? * and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
12 O help us against the enemy: * for vain is the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do great acts; * and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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109 *Deus, laudem*

HOLD not thy tongue, O God of my praise; * for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.

2 And they have spoken against me with false tongues; * they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part; * but I give myself unto prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded me evil for good, * and hatred for my good will.

5 Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler over him, * and let an adversary stand at his right hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned; * and let his prayer be turned into sin.

7 Let his days be few; * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife a widow.

9 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg their bread; * let them seek it also out of desolate places.

10 Let the extortioner consume all that he hath; * and let the stranger spoil his labor.

11 Let there be no man to pity him, * nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.

12 Let his posterity be destroyed; * and in the next generation let his name be clean put out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of the Lord; * and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

14 Let them alway be before the Lord, * that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth;

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15 And that, because his mind was not to do good; * but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at the heart.
16 His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him; * he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.
17 He clothed himself with cursing like as with a raiment, * and it shall come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.
18 Let it be unto him as the cloak that he hath upon him, * and as the girdle that he is alway girded withal.
19 Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemies, * and to those that speak evil against my soul.
20 But deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name; * for sweet is thy mercy.
21 O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor, * and my heart is wounded within me.
22 I go hence like the shadow that departeth, * and am driven away as the grasshopper.
23 My knees are weak through fasting; * my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.
24 I am become also a reproach unto them: * they that look upon me shake their heads.
25 Help me, O Lord my God; * O save me according to thy mercy;
26 And they shall know how that this is thy hand, * and that thou, Lord, hast done it.
27 Though they curse, yet bless thou; * and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice.
28 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame; * and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloak.
29 As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth, * and praise him among the multitude;
30 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, * to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

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110 *Dixit Dominus*

THE Lord said unto my Lord, * Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Zion: * be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
3 In the day of thy power shall thy people offer themselves willingly with an holy worship: * thy young men come to thee as dew from the womb of the morning.
4 The Lord sware, and will not repent, * Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
5 The Lord upon thy right hand * shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He shall judge among the heathen; * he shall fill the places with the dead bodies, and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; * therefore shall he lift up his head.

111 *Confitebor tibi*

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, * secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
2 The works of the Lord are great, * sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honor, * and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvelous works, * that they ought to be had in remembrance.

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5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; * all his commandments are true.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * and are done in truth and equity.
9 He sent redemption unto his people; * he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; * a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endureth for ever.

112 *Beatus vir*

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord; * he hath great delight in his commandments.
2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.
6 For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.
8 His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

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9 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor, * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.
10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; * he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

113 *Laudate, pueri*

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants; * O praise the Name of the Lord.
2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord * from this time forth for evermore.
3 The Lord's Name is praised * from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
4 The Lord is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high, * and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!
6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
7 That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.
8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, * and to be a joyful mother of children.

Twenty-third Day: Evening Prayer

114 *In exitu Israel*

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt, * and the house of Jacob from among the strange people.

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2 Judah was his sanctuary, * and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw that, and fled; * Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.
5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? * and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams? * and ye little hills, like young sheep?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: * at the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, * and the flint-stone into a springing well.

115 *Non nobis, Domine*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise; * for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore shall the heathen say, * Where is now their God?
3 As for our God, he is in heaven: * he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, * even the work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, and speak not; * eyes have they, and see not.
6 They have ears, and hear not; * noses have they, and smell not.
7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not; * neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all such as put their trust in them.

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9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord; * he is their helper and defender.
10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord; * he is their helper and defender.
11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord; * he is their helper and defender.
12 The Lord hath been mindful of us and he shall bless us; * even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord, * both small and great.
14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, * you and your children.
15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord, * who made heaven and earth.
16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's; * the earth hath he given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord, * neither all they that go down into silence.
18 But we will praise the Lord, * from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Twenty-fourth Day: Morning Prayer

116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

MY delight is in the Lord; * because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; * therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3 The snares of death compassed me round about, * and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
4 I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the Lord; * O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

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5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; * yea, our God is merciful.
6 The Lord preserveth the simple: * I was in misery, and he helped me.
7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; * for the Lord hath rewarded thee.
8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, * mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the Lord * in the land of the living.
10 I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: * I said in my haste, All men are liars.
11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord * for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?
12 I will receive the cup of salvation, * and call upon the Name of the Lord.
13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: * right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
14 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; * I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.
15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the Lord.
16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people, * in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

117 *Laudate Dominum*

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations; * praise him, all ye peoples.
2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us; * and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

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118 *Confitemini Domino*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious; * because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious; * and that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now confess, * that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess, * that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the Lord in trouble; * and the Lord heard me at large.

6 The Lord is on my side; * I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me; * therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in the Lord, * than to put any confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the Lord, * than to put any confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me round about; * but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side; * but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns; * for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall; * but the Lord was my help.

14 The Lord is my strength, and my song; * and is become my salvation.

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15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous; * the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
16 The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; * the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me; * but he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open me the gates of righteousness, * that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord, * the righteous shall enter into it.
21 I will thank thee; for thou hast heard me, * and art become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders refused, * is become the head-stone in the corner.
23 This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Help me now, O Lord: * O Lord, send us now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: * we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord, who hath showed us light: * bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee; * thou art my God, and I will praise thee.
29 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.

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Aleph *Beati immaculati*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way, * and walk in the law of the Lord.
2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, * and seek him with their whole heart;
3 Even they who do no wickedness, * and walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast charged * that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
5 O that my ways were made so direct, * that I might keep thy statutes!
6 So shall I not be confounded, * while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, * when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.
8 I will keep thy statutes; * O forsake me not utterly.

Beth *In quo corrigit?*

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way? * even by ruling himself after thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee; * O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I hid within my heart, * that I should not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O Lord; * O teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I been telling * of all the judgments of thy mouth.
14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, * as in all manner of riches.

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15 I will talk of thy commandments, * and have respect unto thy ways.
16 My delight shall be in thy statutes, * and I will not forget thy word.

Gimel *Retribue servo tuo*

O DO well unto thy servant; * that I may live, and keep thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes; * that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
19 I am a stranger upon earth; * O hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire * that it hath alway unto thy judgments.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud; * and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
22 O turn from me shame and rebuke; * for I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also did sit and speak against me; * but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
24 For thy testimonies are my delight, * and my counsellors.

Daleth *Adhaesit pavimento*

MY soul cleaveth to the dust; * O quicken thou me, according to thy word.
26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: * O teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments; * and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness; * comfort thou me according unto thy word.

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29 Take from me the way of lying, * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
30 I have chosen the way of truth, * and thy judgments have I laid before me.
31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies; * O Lord, confound me not.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments, * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Twenty-fifth Day: Morning Prayer

He *Legem pone*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, * and I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; * yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; * for therein is my desire.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, * and not to covetousness.
37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; * and quicken thou me in thy way.
38 O stablish thy word in thy servant, * that I may fear thee.
39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of; * for thy judgments are good.
40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments; * O quicken me in thy righteousness.

Waw *Et veniat super me*

LET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, * even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

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42 So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers; * for my trust is in thy word.
43 O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth; * for my hope is in thy judgments.
44 So shall I alway keep thy law; * yea, for ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty; * for I seek thy commandments.
46 I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings, * and will not be ashamed.
47 And my delight shall be in thy commandments, * which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; * and my study shall be in thy statutes.

Zayin *Memor esto verbi tui*

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word, * wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.
50 The same is my comfort in my trouble; * for thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me exceedingly in derision; * yet have I not shrinked from thy law.
52 For I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord, * and received comfort.
53 I am horribly afraid, * for the ungodly that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs, * in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night season, * and have kept thy law.
56 This I had, * because I kept thy commandment.

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Heth *Portio mea, Domine*

THOU art my portion, O Lord; * I have promised to keep thy law.
58 I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart; * O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.
59 I called mine own ways to remembrance, * and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and prolonged not the time, * to keep thy commandments.
61 The snares of the ungodly have compassed me about; * but I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, * because of thy righteous judgments.
63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, * and keep thy commandments.
64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: * O teach me thy statutes.

Teth *Bonitatem fecisti*

O LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, * according unto thy word.
66 O teach me true understanding and knowledge; * for I have believed thy commandments.
67 Before I was troubled, I went wrong; * but now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou art good and gracious; * O teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have imagined a lie against me; * but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as brawn; * but my delight hath been in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble; * that I may learn thy statutes.

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72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me * than thousands of gold and silver.

Twenty-fifth Day: Evening Prayer

Yodh *Manus tuae fecerunt me*

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: * O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; * because I have put my trust in thy word.
75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, * and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.
76 O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, * according to thy word unto thy servant.
77 O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live; * for thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me; * but I will be occupied in thy commandments.
79 Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies, * be turned unto me.
80 O let my heart be sound in thy statutes, * that I be not ashamed.

Kaph *Defecit anima mea*

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation, * and I have a good hope because of thy word.
82 Mine eyes long sore for thy word; * saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; * yet do I not forget thy statutes.

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84 How many are the days of thy servant? * when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me, * which are not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments are true: * they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.
87 They had almost made an end of me upon earth; * but I forsook not thy commandments.
88 O quicken me after thy loving-kindness; * and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

Lamedh *In aeternum, Domine*

O LORD, thy word * endureth for ever in heaven.
90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another; * thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinance; * for all things serve thee.
92 If my delight had not been in thy law, * I should have perished in my trouble.
93 I will never forget thy commandments; * for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am thine: O save me, * for I have sought thy commandments.
95 The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me; * but I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I see that all things come to an end; * but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Mem *Quomodo dilexi!*

LORD, what love have I unto thy law! * all the day long is my study in it.

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98 Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies; * for they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than my teachers; * for thy testimonies are my study.
100 I am wiser than the aged; * because I keep thy commandments.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep thy word.
102 I have not shrunk from thy judgments; * for thou teachest me.
103 O how sweet are thy words unto my throat; * yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!
104 Through thy commandments I get understanding: * therefore I hate all evil ways.

Twenty-sixth Day: Morning Prayer

Nun *Lucerna pedibus meis*

THY word is a lantern unto my feet, * and a light unto my paths.
106 I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed, * to keep thy righteous judgments.
107 I am troubled above measure: * quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.
108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord; * and teach me thy judgments.
109 My soul is alway in my hand; * yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me; * but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; * and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill thy statutes alway, * even unto the end.

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Samekh *Iniquos odio habui*

I HATE them that imagine evil things; * but thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my defense and shield; * and my trust is in thy word.
115 Away from me, ye wicked; * I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live; * and let me not be disappointed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; * yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes; * for they imagine but deceit.
119 Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross; * therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; * and I am afraid of thy judgments.

Ayin *Feci judicium*

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right; * O give me not over unto mine oppressors.
122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good, * that the proud do me no wrong.
123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health, * and for the word of thy righteousness.
124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, * and teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant; O grant me understanding, * that I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand; * for they have destroyed thy law.
127 For I love thy commandments * above gold and precious stones.

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128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments; * and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Pe *Mirabilia*

THY testimonies are wonderful; * therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 When thy word goeth forth, * it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath; * for my delight was in thy commandments.
132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, * as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.
133 Order my steps in thy word; * and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men; * and so shall I keep thy commandments.
135 Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, * and teach me thy statutes.
136 Mine eyes gush out with water, * because men keep not thy law.

Sadhe *Justus es, Domine*

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord; * and true are thy judgments.
138 The testimonies that thou hast commanded * are exceeding righteous and true.
139 My zeal hath even consumed me; * because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost, * and thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and of no reputation; * yet do I not forget thy commandments.

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142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, * and thy law is the truth.
143 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me; * yet is my delight in thy commandments.
144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: * O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Twenty-sixth Day: Evening Prayer

Qoph *Clamavi in toto corde meo*

I CALL with my whole heart; * hear me, O Lord; I will keep thy statutes.
146 Yea, even unto thee do I call; * help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 Early in the morning do I cry unto thee; * for in thy word is my trust.
148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches; * that I might be occupied in thy word.
149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness; * quicken me, according to thy judgments.
150 They draw nigh that of malice persecute me, * and are far from thy law.
151 Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord; * for all thy commandments are true.
152 As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since, * that thou hast grounded them for ever.

Resh *Vide humilitatem*

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me, * for I do not forget thy law.
154 Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me; * quicken me according to thy word.

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155 Health is far from the ungodly; * for they regard not thy statutes.
156 Great is thy mercy, O Lord; * quicken me, as thou art wont.
157 Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me; * yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.
158 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors; * because they keep not thy law.
159 Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments; * O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.
160 Thy word is true from everlasting; * all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

Shin *Principes persecuti sunt*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause; * but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
162 I am as glad of thy word, * as one that findeth great spoils
163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them; * but thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee; * because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great is the peace that they have who love thy law; * and they have none occasion of stumbling.
166 Lord, I have looked for thy saving health, * and done after thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies, * and loved them exceedingly.
168 I have kept thy commandments and testimonies; * for all my ways are before thee.

Taw *Appropinquet deprecatio*

LET my complaint come before thee, O Lord; * give me understanding according to thy word.

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170 Let my supplication come before thee; * deliver me according to thy word.
171 My lips shall speak of thy praise, * when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word; * for all thy commandments are righteous.
173 Let thine hand help me; * for I have chosen thy commandments.
174 I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord; * and in thy law is my delight.
175 O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; * and thy judgments shall help me.
176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; * O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Twenty-seventh Day: Morning Prayer

120 *Ad Dominum*

WHEN I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord, * and he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, * and from a deceitful tongue.
3 What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? * even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.
4 Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech, * and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!
5 My soul hath long dwelt among them * that are enemies unto peace.
6 I labor for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, * they make them ready to battle.

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121 *Levavi oculos*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills; * from whence cometh my help?
2 My help cometh even from the Lord, * who hath made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord himself is thy keeper; * the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, * neither the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

122 *Laetatus sum*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, * We will go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates, * O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity in itself.
4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, * to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5 For there is the seat of judgment, * even the seat of the house of David.
6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; * they shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls, * and plenteousness within thy palaces.

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8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, * I will wish thee prosperity.
9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, * I will seek to do thee good.

123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, * O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, * even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us; * for we are utterly despised.
4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, * and with the despitefulness of the proud.

124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

IF the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say; * if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
2 They had swallowed us up alive; * when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.
3 Yea, the waters had drowned us, * and the stream had gone over our soul.
4 The deep waters of the proud * had gone even over our soul.
5 But praised be the Lord, * who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
7 Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord, * who hath made heaven and earth.

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125 *Qui confidunt*

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Zion, * which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.
2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
3 For the scepter of the ungodly shall not abide upon the lot of the righteous; * lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.
4 Do well, O Lord, * unto those that are good and true of heart.
5 As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness, * the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Twenty-seventh Day: Evening Prayer

126 *In convertendo*

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, * then were we like unto them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with joy.
3 Then said they among the heathen, * The Lord hath done great things for them.
4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already; * whereof we rejoice.
5 Turn our captivity, O Lord, * as the rivers in the south.
6 They that sow in tears * shall reap in joy.

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7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, * shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

127 *Nisi Dominus*

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, * their labor is but lost that build it.
2 Except the Lord keep the city, * the watchman waketh but in vain.
3 It is but lost labor that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; * for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
4 Lo, children, and the fruit of the womb, * are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.
5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, * even so are the young children.
6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; * they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

128 *Beati omnes*

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord, * and walk in his ways.
2 For thou shalt eat the labors of thine hands: * O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.
3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine * upon the walls of thine house;
4 Thy children like the olive-branches * round about thy table.
5 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed * that feareth the Lord.

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6 The Lord from out of Zion shall so bless thee, * that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long;
7 Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, * and peace upon Israel.

129 *Saepe expugnaverunt*

MANY a time have they fought against me from my youth up, * may Israel now say;
2 Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up; * but they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my back, * and made long furrows.
4 But the righteous Lord * hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.
5 Let them be confounded and turned backward, * as many as have evil will at Zion.
6 Let them be even as the grass upon the housetops, * which withereth afore it be grown up;
7 Whereof the mower filleth not his hand, * neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.
8 So that they who go by say not so much as, The Lord prosper you; * we wish you good luck in the name of the Lord.

130 *De profundis*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; * Lord, hear my voice.
2 O let thine ears consider well * the voice of my complaint.
3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, * O Lord, who may abide it?
4 For there is mercy with thee; * therefore shalt thou be feared.

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5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; * in his word is my trust.
6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; * I say, before the morning watch.
7 O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, * and with him is plenteous redemption.
8 And he shall redeem Israel * from all his sins.

131 *Domine, non est*

LORD, I am not high-minded; * I have no proud looks.
2 I do not exercise myself in great matters * which are too high for me.
3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother: * yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.
4 O Israel, trust in the Lord * from this time forth for evermore.

Twenty-eighth Day: Morning Prayer

132 *Memento, Domine*

LORD, remember David, * and all his trouble:
2 How he sware unto the Lord, * and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob:
3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house, * nor climb up into my bed;
4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber; * neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

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5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord; * an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephratah, * and found it in the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacle, * and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place; * thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; * and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
10 For thy servant David's sake, * turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David, * and he shall not shrink from it:
12 Of the fruit of thy body, * shall I set upon thy throne.
13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them; * their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.
14 For the Lord hath chosen Zion to be an habitation for himself; * he hath longed for her.
15 This shall be my rest for ever: * here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
16 I will bless her victuals with increase, * and will satisfy her poor with bread.
17 I will deck her priests with health, * and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: * I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.
19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; * but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

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133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is, * for brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, * even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
3 Like as the dew of Hermon, * which fell upon the hill of Zion.
4 For there the Lord promised his blessing, * and life for evermore.

134 *Ecce nunc*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord, * all ye servants of the Lord;
2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, * even in the courts of the house of our God.
3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, * and praise the Lord.
4 The Lord that made heaven and earth * give thee blessing out of Zion.

135 *Laudate Nomen*

O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord; * praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, * in the courts of the house of our God.
3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; * O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, * and Israel for his own possession.

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5 For I know that the Lord is great, * and that our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth; * and in the sea, and in all deep places.
7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world, * and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasuries.
8 He smote the firstborn of Egypt, * both of man and beast.
9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt; * upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
10 He smote divers nations, * and slew mighty kings:
11 Sihon, king of the Amorites; and Og, the king of Bashan; * and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
12 And gave their land to be an heritage, * even an heritage unto Israel his people.
13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever; * so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
14 For the Lord will avenge his people, * and be gracious unto his servants.
15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold; * the work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, and speak not; * eyes have they, but they see not.
17 They have ears, and yet they hear not; * neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them are like unto them; * and so are all they that put their trust in them.
19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel; * praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi; * ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
21 Praised be the Lord out of Zion, * who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

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136 *Confitemini*

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: * and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O thank the Lord of all lords: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
4 Who only doeth great wonders: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
6 Who laid out the earth above the waters: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
7 Who hath made great lights: * for his mercy endureth for ever:
8 The sun to rule the day: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
9 The moon and the stars to govern the night: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
10 Who smote Egypt, with their firstborn: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
11 And brought out Israel from among them: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
12 With a mighty hand and stretched-out arm: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
13 Who divided the Red Sea in two parts: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
14 And made Israel to go through the midst of it: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
15 But as for Pharoah and his host, he overthrew them in the Red Sea: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

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16 Who led his people through the wilderness: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
17 Who smote great kings: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
18 Yea, and slew mighty kings: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
19 Sihon, king of the Amorites: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
20 And Og, the king of Bashan: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
21 And gave away their land for an heritage: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
22 Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble: * for his mercy endureth for ever;
24 And hath delivered us from our enemies: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
25 Who giveth food to all flesh: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: * for his mercy endureth for ever.
27 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

137 *Super flumina*

BY the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered thee, O Zion.
2 As for our harps, we hanged them up * upon the trees that are therein.
3 For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness: * Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

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4 How shall we sing the Lord's song * in a strange land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget her cunning.
6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; * yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
7 Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem; * how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground.
8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery; * yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.
9 Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children, * and throweth them against the stone.

138 *Confitebor tibi*

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; * even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; * for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.
3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; * and enduedst my soul with much strength.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord; * for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.
6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; * as for the proud he beholdeth them afar off.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; * thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

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8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; * yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

Twenty-ninth Day: Morning Prayer

139 *Domine, probasti*

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. * Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed; * and art acquainted with all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, * but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast beset me behind and before, * and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; * I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? * or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; * if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning, * and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, * and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; * then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; * the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

12 For my reins are thine; * thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

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13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: * marvelous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.
14 My bones are not hid from thee, * though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.
15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; * and in thy book were all my members written;
16 Which day by day were fashioned, * when as yet there was none of them.
17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; * O how great is the sum of them!
18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: * when I wake up, I am present with thee.
19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God? * Depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.
20 For they speak unrighteously against thee; * and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.
21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? * and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
22 Yea, I hate them right sore; * even as though they were mine enemies.
23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; * prove me, and examine my thoughts.
24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; * and lead me in the way everlasting.

140 *Eripe me, Domine*

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man; * and preserve me from the wicked man;
2 Who imagine mischief in their hearts, * and stir up strife all the day long.
3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * adder's poison is under their lips.

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4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly; * preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.
5 The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords; * yea, and set traps in my way.
6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God, * hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.
7 O Lord God, thou strength of my health; * thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
8 Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord; * let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.
9 Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them * that compass me about.
10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; * let them be cast into the fire, and into the pit, that they never rise up again.
11 A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth: * evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.
12 Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor, * and maintain the cause of the helpless.
13 The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name; * and the just shall continue in thy sight.

Twenty-ninth Day: Evening Prayer

141 *Domine, clamavi*

LORD, I call upon thee; haste thee unto me, * and consider my voice, when I cry unto thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; * and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, * and keep the door of my lips.

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4 O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing; * let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, neither let me eat of such things as please them.
5 Let the righteous rather smite me friendly, and reprove me; * yea, let not my head refuse their precious balms.
6 As for the ungodly, * I will pray yet against their wickedness.
7 Let their judges be overthrown in stony places, * that they may hear my words; for they are sweet.
8 Our bones lie scattered before the pit, * like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.
9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God; * in thee is my trust; O cast not out my soul.
10 Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, * and from the traps of the wicked doers.
11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together, * and let me ever escape them.

142 *Voce mea ad Dominum*

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice; * yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
2 I poured out my complaints before him, * and showed him of my trouble.
3 When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my path; * in the way wherein I walked, have they privily laid a snare for me.
4 I looked also upon my right hand, * and saw there was no man that would know me.
5 I had no place to flee unto, * and no man cared for my soul.
6 I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said, * Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

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7 Consider my complaint; * for I am brought very low.
8 O deliver me from my persecutors; * for they are too strong for me.
9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name; * which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

143 *Domine, exaudi*

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; * hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.
2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant; * for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; * he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, * and my heart within me is desolate.
5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works; * yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.
6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee; * my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: * hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in thee is my trust: * show thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto thee.
9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; * for I flee unto thee to hide me.

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10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: * let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake; * and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
12 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, * and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

Thirtieth Day: Morning Prayer

144 *Benedictus Dominus*

BLESSED be the Lord my strength, * who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:
2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust; * who subdueth my people that is under me.
3 Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him: * or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?
4 Man is like a thing of nought; * his time passeth away like a shadow.
5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down; * touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Cast forth thy lightning, and tear them; * shoot out thine arrows, and consume them.
7 Send down thine hand from above; * deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strangers;
8 Whose mouth talketh of vanity, * and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.
9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God; * and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.
10 Thou hast given victory unto kings, * and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

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11 Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strangers, * whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity:
12 That our sons may grow up as the young plants, * and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple;
13 That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store; * that our sheep may bring forth thousands, and ten thousands in our fields;
14 That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no decay, * no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.
15 Happy are the people that are in such a case; * yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.

145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King; * and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee; * and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised; * there is no end of his greatness.
4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another, * and declare thy power.
5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, * thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvelous acts; * and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; * and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful; * long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 The Lord is loving unto every man; * and his mercy is over all his works.

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10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord; * and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11 They show the glory of thy kingdom, * and talk of thy power;
12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, * might be known unto men.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, * and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, * and lifteth up all those that are down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; * and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16 Thou openest thine hand, * and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways, * and holy in all his works.
18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; * yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
19 He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; * he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him; * but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; * and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

146 *Lauda, anima mea*

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the Lord; * yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; * for there is no help in them.

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3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth, * and then all his thoughts perish.
4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, * and whose hope is in the Lord his God:
5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; * who keepeth his promise for ever;
6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; * who feedeth the hungry.
7 The Lord looseth men out of prison; * the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; * the Lord careth for the righteous.
9 The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow: * as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
10 The Lord thy God, O Zion, shall be King for evermore, * and throughout all generations.

Thirtieth Day: Evening Prayer

147 *Laudate Dominum*

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; * yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, * and gather together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He healeth those that are broken in heart, * and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
4 He telleth the number of the stars, * and calleth them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power; * yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

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6 The Lord setteth up the meek, * and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; * sing praises upon the harp unto our God:
8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; * and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, * and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse; * neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him, * and put their trust in his mercy.
12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, * and hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace in thy borders, * and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth, * and his word runneth very swiftly.
16 He giveth snow like wool, * and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels; * who is able to abide his frost?
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: * he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.
19 He showeth his word unto Jacob, * his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation; * neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

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148 *Laudate Dominum*

O PRAISE the Lord from the heavens: * praise him in the heights.
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: * praise him, all his host.
3 Praise him, sun and moon: * praise him, all ye stars and light.
4 Praise him, all ye heavens, * and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord: * for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: * he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, * ye dragons and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapors, * wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills; * fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle; * creeping things and flying fowls;
11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples; * princes, and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord: * for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13 He shall exalt the horn of his people: all his saints shall praise him; * even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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149 *Cantate Domino*

O SING unto the Lord a new song; * let the congregation of saints praise him.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, * and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people, * and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5 Let the saints be joyful with glory; * let them rejoice in their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth; * and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7 To be avenged of the nations, * and to rebuke the peoples;
8 To bind their kings in chains, * and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To execute judgment upon them; as it is written, * Such honor have all his saints.

150 *Laudate Dominum*

O PRAISE God in his sanctuary: * praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him in his noble acts: * praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: * praise him upon the lute and harp.
4 Praise him in the timbrels and dances: * praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: * praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6 Let everything that hath breath * praise the Lord.

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For use after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately.

Prayers for the World

1. *For Joy in God's Creation*

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. *For All Sorts and Conditions of Men*

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou

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wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; (especially those for whom our prayers are desired) that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

3. *For the Human Family*

O God, who hast made us in thine own image and redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish thy purposes on earth; that, in thy good time, all nations and races may serve thee in harmony around thy heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. *For Peace*

See also Various Occasions no. 18

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad thy Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as

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children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

5. *For Peace Among the Nations*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. *For our Enemies*

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead us all, we pray thee, from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in thy good time enable each of us to stand reconciled before thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the Church

7. *For the Church*

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.

8. *For the Church*

O God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, who didst inspire thy Church at Pentecost, that Christ might be known

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and worshiped by people of every nation and tongue; watch over the goodly heritage thou hast given to thy Church, we beseech thee, and grant that we, being led and strengthened by thy guidance and grace, may increase in wisdom, stature, and thy favor, whom we worship with the Father and the Son, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

9. *For the Mission of the Church*

See also the prayers for the Mission of the Church on pages 53 and 54, 80 and 81, and Various Occasions no. 16

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to thee through thy Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

10. *For the Mission of the Church*

Almighty God, who hast given unto thy Son Jesus Christ the Name which is above every name, and hast taught us that there is salvation in none other: Mercifully grant that as thy faithful people have comfort and peace in his Name, they may ever labor to publish it unto all nations; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. *For Clergy and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant

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this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

12. *For the Diocese*

O God, who by thy grace hast called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop(s) *N.* [and *N.*], and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that thy Word may be truly preached and truly heard, thy Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By thy Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of thy Son, and grant that we may show the power of thy love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13. *For the Parish*

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of thy servants, and grant unto this parish family all things necessary for its spiritual welfare: schools to train up thy people in thy faith and fear, ministers to labor in this portion of thy vineyard, a church restored and maintained in the beauty of holiness. Strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of thy Holy Catholic Church; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

14. *For a Church Convention or Meeting*

See also Various Occasions no. 13

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and

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understanding, be present with those who take counsel [in_____] for the renewal and mission of thy Church. Teach us in all things to seek first thy honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15. *For the Election of a Bishop or other Minister*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on thy Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese (*or*, rector for this parish), that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for thy people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

16. *For the Unity of the church*

See also Various Occasions no. 14.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

17. *For those about to be Baptized or to renew their Baptismal Covenant*

O God, who didst prepare thy disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of thy Son Jesus Christ: Make the

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hearts and minds of thy servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18. *For Monastic Orders and Vocations*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst become poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through thy poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom thou callest to follow thee under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich thy Church, and by their life and worship may glorify thy Name; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

19. *For Church Musicians and Artists*

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with thy servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by thy people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of thy beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for National Life

20. *For our Country*

See also Various Occasions no. 17.

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and

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pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

21. *For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority*

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United State, the Governor of this State (*or* Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

22. *For Congress or a State Legislature*

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech thee so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled (*or* in the Legislature of this State, *or* Commonwealth), that they may enact such laws as shall please thee, to the glory of thy Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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23. *For Courts of Justice*

Almighty God, who sittest in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

24. *For Sound Government*

The responses may be omitted.

O Lord our Governor, we beseech thee to bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.
Lord, keep this nation under thy care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.
Give grace to thy servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.
Give grace to thy servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.
Give grace to thy servants, O Lord.

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And finally, teach our people to rely on thy strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve thee faithfully in our generation and honor thy holy Name.
For thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Amen.

25. *For Local Government*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office in this State (Commonwealth, City, County, Town, _____) the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

26. *For an Election*

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (*or* of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill thy purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

27. *For those in the Armed Forces of our Country*

Almighty God, we commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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28. *For those who Suffer for the sake of Conscience*

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us thy servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

Prayers for the Social Order

29. *For Social Justice*

See also Various Occasions no. 21.

Grant, O God, that thy holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart (and especially the hearts of the people of this land), that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

30. *In Times of Conflict*

O God, who hast bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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31. *For Agriculture*

See also Various Occasions no. 19.

Almighty God, we thank thee for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in thy goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For prayers for Industry and Labor, see Various Occasions no. 19, no. 24, and no. 25.

32. *For the Unemployed*

Heavenly Father, we remember before thee those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

33. *For Schools and Colleges*

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities [and especially _____], that they may be lively centers for sound learning, discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find thee to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Education, see Various Occasions, no. 23.

34. *For the Good Use of Leisure*

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of

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refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of thy creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

35. *For Cities*

Heavenly Father, who in thy Word hast given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that people from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

36. *For Towns and Rural Areas*

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst proclaim the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that thy presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas [especially _____]; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to thee for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in thy holy Name. Amen.

37. *For the Poor and Neglected*

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before thee all who are poor and neglected. Help us to be ever mindful of the needs of the homeless and the destitute, the aged and the sick,

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and all who have none to care for them. Lay thy healing power upon those who are broken in body, mind or spirit, and turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, O Father, for the love of thine only Son, who for our sake became poor, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

38. *For the Oppressed*

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon all thy children who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins of deed or neglect against these our neighbors. Give strength to those who work for justice and opportunity for all, and grant that all may enjoy the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

39. *For Prisons and Correctional Institutions*

Lord Jesus, who for our sake wast condemned and put to death on the cross: Visit, we beseech thee, all jails and prisons with thy pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners; bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to thy will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release and teach us thy justice. Grant to those who work in these institutions compassion and mercy, and save them from hardness of heart. Help us to remember that what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for thee. All this we ask for thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

40. *For the Right Use of God's Gifts*

Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one

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day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

41. *For those who Influence Public Opinion*

Almighty God, who dost proclaim thy truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray thee, those who speak where many listen, and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Social Service, see Various Occasions no. 22.

Prayers for the Natural Order

42. *For Knowledge of God's Creation*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of thy creation, we may come to know thee more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in thine eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

43. *For the Conservation of Natural Resources*

See also Various Occasions no. 19.

Almighty God, who in giving us dominion over things on earth, hast made us stewards of thy creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the gifts of nature, that no one may suffer from our misuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise thee for thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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44. *For the Harvest of Lands and Waters*

O gracious Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and the waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let thy Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what thou givest; that all thy people everywhere may give thee thanks through Christ our Lord. Amen.

45. *For Rain*

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thine honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

46. *For the Future of the Human Race*

O God our heavenly Father, who hast blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the great mystery of life. Help us to be ever mindful of thy purpose for the human race, and always to seek thy guidance in making provision for its future in accordance with thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Family and Personal Life

47. *For Families*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in

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which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other prayers begin on page 340.

48. *For the Care of Children*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, who hast blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

49. *For Young Persons*

O God our heavenly Father, look with pity upon thy children growing up amidst the confusion of the world: Show them that thy way giveth more life than the ways of the world, and that following thee is better than seeking selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a time for a new beginning. Give them strength to hold their faith in thee, and to keep alive their joy in thy creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

50. *For Those Who Live Alone*

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude,

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but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving thee and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

51. *For the Aged*

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of thy love. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

52. *For a Birthday*

O God, our times are in thy hand: Look with favor, we pray, on thy servant *N.*, as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in thy goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

53. *For a Birthday*

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

54. *For the Absent*

O God, whose fatherly care reacheth to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech thee graciously to behold and

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bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, may be bound together by thy love, in the communion of thy Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

55. *For Travelers*

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with thy loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

56. *For those we Love*

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

57. *For a Person in Trouble or Bereavement*

O merciful Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity upon the sorrows of thy servant for whom our prayers are offered. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy, nourish *his* soul with patience, comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness, lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the sick begin on page 350. See also Various Occasions no. 20.

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58. *For the Victims of Addiction*

O blessed Lord, who didst minister to all who came to thee: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of thy unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

59. *For Guidance*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

60. *For Guidance*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

61. *For Quiet Confidence*

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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62. *For Protection*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

63. *A Prayer of Self-Dedication*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

64. *A Prayer attributed to St. Francis*

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Other Prayers

Prayers for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and for morning and evening, begin on pages 52 and 79.

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65. *Toward Evening*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

66. *Before Worship*

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

67. *For the Answering of Prayer*

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in the Name of thy Son: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

68. *Before Receiving Communion*

See also the Prayer of Humble Access on page 264.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as thou wast present with thy disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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69. *After Receiving Communion*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

70. *After Worship*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

71. *After Worship*

Pardon, O Father, the imperfections of our prayers and praises, our wandering thoughts and lack of devotion. Look not upon us, but on the face of thine Anointed and see us only as we are seen in Him. For his sake, accept us, penitents at the Throne of Grace, and grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

72. *On Sunday*

O God our King, who by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, didst conquer sin, put death to flight, and give us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive us our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise thee and to do thy will; and strengthen

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us to wait for the consummation of thy kingdom on the last great Day: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

73. *Grace at Meals*

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

V. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
R. **And thou givest them their meat in due season.**
V. Thou openest thine hand:
R. **And fillest all things living with plenteousness.**

Bless, O Lord, these gifts to our use and us to thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Blessed art thou, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for thou dost give us food and drink to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

For these and all his mercies, God's holy Name be blessed and praised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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74. *A Bidding Prayer*

To be used on special occasions. The Officiant may alter the form as desired.

Good Christian People, I bid your prayers for Christ's holy Catholic church, the blessed company of all faithful people; that it may please God to confirm and strengthen it in purity of faith, in holiness of life, and in perfectness of love, and to restore to it the witness of visible unity; and more especially for that branch of the same planted by God in this land, whereof we are members; that in all things it may work according to God's will, serve him faithfully, and worship him acceptably.

Ye shall pray also for *N.*, the President of these United States, for *N.*, the Governor of this State, and for all that are in authority; that all, and every one of them, may serve truly in their several callings to the glory of God, and the edifying and well-governing of the people, remembering the account they shall be called upon to give at the last great day.

Ye shall also pray for the ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments; for Bishops, [especially for *N.*, our Bishop] that they may minister faithfully and wisely the discipline of Christ; likewise for all Priests and Deacons, [especially the clergy of this Diocese and of this Parish] that they may shine as lights in the world, and in all things may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

And ye shall pray for a due supply of persons fitted to serve God in the Ministry and in the State; and to that end, as well as for the good education of all the youth of this land, ye shall pray for all schools, colleges, and seminaries of sound and godly learning, and for all whose hands are open for their

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maintenance; that whatsoever tends to the advancement of true religion and useful learning may for ever flourish and abound.

Ye shall pray for those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth [especially _____], and for those who celebrate the anniversary of their marriage [especially _____], that they may continue to grow in grace all the days of their lives.

Ye shall pray for those who are ill [especially _____], that God be pleased to grant them release from suffering and restoration to health according to his will.

Ye shall pray also for any who are troubled in mind, in spirit or in the circumstances of their lives [especially _____], that they be granted a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Ye shall pray for all women who are in expectation of childbirth [especially _____], that the Lord grant them a safe delivery.

Ye shall pray also for those who have departed this life [especially _____], that they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in God's heavenly Kingdom.

Ye shall pray also for all who travel by land, sea, or air; for all prisoners and captives; for all who have fallen into grievous sin; for all who, through temptation, ignorance, helplessness, grief, trouble, dread, or the near approach of death, especially need our prayers.

Ye shall also praise God for rain and sunshine; for the fruits of the earth; for the products of all honest industry; and for all his good gifts, temporal and spiritual, to us and to all men.

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Finally, ye shall yield unto God most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all his saints [especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Saint _____], who have been the choice vessels of His grace and the lights of the world in their several generations; and pray unto God, that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good examples; that, this life ended, we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection and the life everlasting.

And now, brethren, summing up all our petitions and all our thanksgivings, in the words which Christ hath taught us, we make bold to say: Our Father...

Thanksgivings

General Thanksgivings

1. *A General Thanksgiving*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that thou hast done for us. We thank thee for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank thee for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank thee for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

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We thank thee also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on thee alone.

Above all, we thank thee for thy Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of thy kingdom.

Grant us the gift of thy Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to thee in all things. Amen.

2. *A Litany of Thanksgiving*

For optional use on Thanksgiving day, in place of the prayers of the People at the Eucharist, or at any time after the Collects at Morning or Evening prayer, or separately.

Let us give thanks unto God our heavenly Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of thy children, revealing the image of Christ,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our home and families, and our friends,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

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For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

Above all, we give thee thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

See also The General Thanksgiving on pages 54 and 81.

Thanksgivings for the Church

3. *For the Mission of the Church*

Almighty God, who didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to thyself: We praise and bless thee for those whom thou hast sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank thee that in all parts of the earth a community of love hast been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place thy servants

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call upon thy Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are thine for ever. Amen.

4. *For the Saints and Faithful Departed*

See also the prayer "O God, the King of Saints," page 388.

We give thanks to thee, O Lord our God, for all thy servants and witnesses of time past: for Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife; for Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, and Samuel, with Hannah his mother; for Isaiah and all the prophets; for the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Saints Peter and Paul and all the apostles; for Saints Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene; for Saint Stephen, the first martyr, and all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land. In thy mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as thou gavest to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead. Amen.

Thanksgivings for National Life

5. *For the Nation*

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank thee for the majesty and beauty of this good land which thou hast given us.
Help us, we pray thee, O Lord.

We thank thee for the great resources of this nation, though we have not always been faithful stewards in accordance with thy will.
Forgive us, we pray thee, O Lord.

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We thank thee for the men and women who have made this country strong and serve as models for us, though we have fallen short of thy calling.
Inspire us, we pray thee, O Lord.

We thank thee for the torch of liberty which has been raised up in this land, though we have often forgotten that thou art the source of all True Light.
Enlighten us, we pray thee, O Lord.

We thank thee for the faith which sustains our lives, though we have turned from thee again and again.
Renew us, we pray thee, O Lord.

We pray thee, O Lord, to finish the good work thou hast begun in us. Strengthen us to bring an end to ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten thy Day in which all thy people shall join together to glorify thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6. *For Heroic Service*

O Judge of the nations, we remember before thee with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Thanksgivings for the Social Order

7. *For the Diversity of Races and Cultures*

O God, who hast created all peoples in thine own image, we thank thee for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us thy presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of thy love is made perfect in our love for all thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgivings for the Natural Order

8. *For the Beauty of the Earth*

We give thee thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise thee for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of thine abundant creation, to the honor and glory of thy Name, now and for ever. Amen.

9. *For the Harvest*

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all

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our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgivings for Family and Personal Life

10. *For the Gift of a Child*

See also the Thanksgiving for a Child on pages 335 and 339.

Heavenly Father, who didst send thine only Son into this world. We thank thee for the life of this child, *N.*, entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all thy children, and so to love and nurture *him*, that *he* may attain to that full stature intended for *him* in thy eternal kingdom; for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. *For the Restoration of Health*

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks that thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver from *his* sickness thy servant *N.*, on whose behalf we bless and praise thy Name. Grant, O gracious Father, that *he*, through thy help, may live in this world according to thy will, and also be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgivings for the departed begin on page 386.

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Additional Devotions

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Antiphons for Morning and Evening Prayer

On Principal Feasts and Holy Days, the proper Antiphons may be sung or said before and after the *Benedictus Dominus Deus* and the *Magnificat*. They serve as enrichments to the Office, emphasizing the significance of the day.

Antiphons on the Benedictus

On the Feast of the Nativity
Glory * **to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will, alleluia, alleluia.**

On the Feast of the Holy Innocents
From two years old and under, * **did Herod slay all the male children, for the sake of the Lord.**

On the Feast of the Holy Name
He gave himself * **that he might deliver his people, and thereby obtain an everlasting Name, alleluia.**

On the Feast of the Epiphany
Today * **the Church is joined to her heavenly Bridegroom; because in Jordan Christ hath washed away her offenses: the wise men with their offerings hasten to the royal marriage, and the guests are regaled with water made wine, alleluia.**

On the Feast of the Presentation
And when the parents * **brought in the Child Jesus, then**

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Simeon took him up in his arms, and blessed God, saying: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

On Ash Wednesday
When ye fast, * be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance.

On the Feast of St. Joseph
Then Joseph, * being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife.

On the Feast of the Annunciation
How shall this be, * O Angel of God, seeing I know not a man? Hearken, O Virgin Mary: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee.

On Palm Sunday
The multitudes * which came together for the feast day cried unto the Lord: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

On Maundy Thursday
Now he that betrayed him * gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.

On Good Friday
They set up * over his head this accusation written: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

On Easter Day
And very early in the morning * the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun, alleluia.

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On Ascension Day
I ascend * **unto my Father, and to your Father: and to my God, and your God, alleluia.**

On the Day of Pentecost
Receive ye * **the Holy Ghost: whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them, alleluia.**

On Trinity Sunday
Blessed be * **the holy Creator and Governor of all things, the holy and undivided Trinity, both now and ever, and to endless ages of ages.**

On the Feast of Corpus Christi
I am * **the living bread, which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever, alleluia.**

On the Feast of the Visitation
When Elizabeth * **heard the salutation of Mary, she spake out with a loud voice, and said: Why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? alleluia.**

On the Feast of St. John the Baptist
The mouth of Zacharias * **was opened, and he prophesied, saying: Blessed be the God of Israel.**

On the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
Mary therefore * **anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped them with her hair, and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.**

On the Feast of the Transfiguration
And behold a voice * **out of the cloud, which said, This is my**

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beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him, alleluia.

On Holy Cross Day
Thou alone * **excellest in stature all the cedars of Lebanon: for on thee the Life of the world was hanged, on thee was Christ victorious, and death over death did forever triumph.**

On the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels
There was silence in heaven * **while the dragon waged war: and Michael fought against him, and had the victory, alleluia.**

On the Feast of All Saints (also suitable for Common of Saints)
The glorious company * **of the Apostles praise thee; the goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee; the white robed army of Martyrs praise thee; with one heart and voice do all the elect acknowledge thee: O blessed Trinity, one only God.**

Common of Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Blessed art thou, * **O Mary, for thou hast believed; and there shall be a performance in thee of those things which were told thee from the Lord, alleluia.**

Common of Apostles and Evangelists
Ye which have forsaken all, * **and followed me, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.**

Common of Martyrs
He that hateth his life * **in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.**

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Antiphons on the Magnificat

The Great "O" Antiphons

December 16 *O Sapientia*
O Wisdom, * **which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

December 17 *O Adonai*
O Adonai, * **and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.**

December 18 *O Radix Jesse*
O Root of Jesse, * **which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, unto whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.**

December 19 *O Clavis David*
O Key of David, * **and Scepter of the house of Israel; that openest and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth: Come, and bring the prisoners out of the prison-house, them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

December 20 *O Oriens*
O Day-spring, * **Brightness of the Light everlasting, and Sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

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December 21 *O Rex gentium*
O King of Nations, * and their Desire; the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay.

December 22 *O Emmanuel*
O Emmanuel, * our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

December 23 *O Virgo virginum*
O Virgin of Virgins, * how shall this be? for neither before thee was any seen like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

On the Feast of the Nativity
Today * the Christ is born; today hath a Savior appeared: today on earth Angels are singing, Archangels rejoicing: today the righteous exult and say, Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

On the Feast of the Holy Innocents
Then were innocent children * slain instead of Christ by a wicked ruler; the very sucklings were put to death: spotless, they followed the Lamb himself, and say forever: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On the Feast of the Holy Name
Thou shalt call * his Name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins, alleluia.

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On the Feast of the Epiphany
Now do we celebrate * **a holy day adorned by three miracles: today a star led the wise men to the manger; today water was made wine at the wedding feast; today Christ vouchsafed to be baptized of John in Jordan that he might save us, alleluia.**

On the Feast of the Presentation
Today * **the blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the temple; and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, received him into his arms, and blessed God for ever.**

On Ash Wednesday
Lay up for yourselves * **treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt.**

On the Feast of St. Joseph
Behold a faithful * **and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household.**

On the Feast of the Annunciation
The Angel Gabriel * **spake unto Mary, saying: Hail, thou that art full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.**

On Palm Sunday
For it is written, * **I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee: there shall you see me, saith the Lord.**

On Maundy Thursday
As they were eating, * **Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples.**

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On Good Friday
When he had received * the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

On Easter Day
And when they looked, * they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great, alleluia.

On Ascension Day
O King of glory, * thou Lord of Sabaoth, who triumphing today hast ascended above all heavens, leave us not comfortless; but send on us the promise of the Father, even the Spirit of truth, alleluia.

On the Day of Pentecost
Today * are fulfilled the days of Pentecost, alleluia: today the Holy Spirit appeared in fire to the disciples, and bestowed upon them his manifold graces: sending them into all the world, to preach the gospel, and to testify: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday
Thee, O God, * the Father unbegotten; thee, O only begotten Son; thee, O Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; holy and undivided Trinity: with our whole heart and mouth we confess thee: to thee be glory for ever and ever.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi
O sacred banquet, * wherein Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed; the soul with grace is filled, and a pledge of future glory is bestowed, alleluia.

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On the Feast of the Visitation
All generations * **shall call me blessed: for God hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden, alleluia.**

On the Feast of St. John the Baptist
The child * **that is born unto us is more than a prophet; for this is he of whom the Savior saith: Among them that are born of woman, there hath not risen one greater than John the Baptist.**

On the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
A woman * **in the city, which was a sinner, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at the Lord's feet, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head.**

On the Feast of the Transfiguration
And when the disciples heard it, * **they fell on their face, and were sore afraid: and Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid, alleluia.**

On Holy Cross Day
O Cross, * **surpassing all the stars in splendor, world renowned, exceeding dear unto the hearts of men, holier than all things: thou only wert counted worthy to uphold the world's ransom. Sweet the wood, sweet the iron, bearing so sweet a burden: bring aid to this congregation, who are here assembled to celebrate thy praises.**

On the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels
O Prince most glorious, * **Michael the Archangel, keep us in remembrance: here and everywhere, always, entreat the Son of God for us, alleluia, alleluia.**

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On the Feast of All Saints (also suitable for Common of Saints)
O how glorious * **is the kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ; arrayed in white robes, they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.**

Common of Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary
All generations * **shall call me blessed: for God hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

Common of Apostles and Evangelists
They will deliver you up * **to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.**

Common of Martyrs
Whosoever will come after me, * **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

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The following two Eucharistic prayers are included for the convenience of those parishes where they are used.

The Gregorian Canon

The following translation of the Gregorian Canon (the Eucharistic prayer of the Western Church before the Reformation) is that of Salisbury Cathedral, made by Miles Coverdale.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Therefore, most gracious Father, through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, we humbly beseech thee, and we desire, that thou accept, and bless, these gifts, these presents, these holy and unspotted sacrifices, which, first of all, we offer unto thee for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to pacify, keep, unite and govern it throughout the whole world: with thy servant *N.* our chief Bishop, and *N.* our own Bishop, and all true believers, and such as have the Catholic and Apostolic faith in due estimation.

Remember, Lord, thy servants and handmaids, *N.* and *N.*, and all who stand here round about, whose faith and devotion unto thee is known and manifest: for whom we offer unto thee, or who themselves do offer unto thee, this sacrifice of praise (for them and theirs, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and health) and render their vows unto thee, the eternal, living, and true God:

In communion with and in worshipful remembrance of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ:

Here is sometimes made mention of the day itself, as indicated below

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On the Nativity of the Lord, and thereafter to the Octave Day inclusive:

In communion with and in honor of this most holy day [night], whereon Blessed Mary, with maidenhood inviolate, brought forth the Savior to this world: and in worshipful remembrance of the same glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: and also of thy blessed Apostles...

On the day of the Epiphany, and through the whole Octave:

In communion with and in honor of this most holy day, whereon thy only-begotten Son, co-eternal with thee in thy glory, manifestly appeared in the true substance of our flesh: and in worshipful remembrance of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: and also of thy blessed Apostles...

From the Vigil of Easter to Saturday before Low Sunday inclusive:

In communion with and in honor of this most holy day [night] whereon Jesus Christ our Lord did rise again in his own flesh: and in worshipful remembrance of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the Same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: and also of thy blessed Apostles...

On the Day of the Ascension and through the whole Octave:

In communion with and in honor of this most holy day whereon our Lord thy only-begotten Son, set on high at the right hand of thy glory our frail human nature in union with himself: and in worshipful remembrance of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord

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Jesus Christ: and also of thy blessed Apostles...

On the Vigil of Pentecost to the following Saturday inclusive:

In communion with and in honor of this most holy day of Pentecost whereon the Holy Ghost appeared to the Apostles in countless tongues of fire: and in worshipful remembrance of the glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ: and also of thy blessed Apostles...

Through the rest of the year

and also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter, Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus: Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian: and of all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant thou that in all things we may be defended with the help of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Therefore, Lord, we beseech thee, that thou wilt graciously receive this oblation of our bounden service, and of all thy household:

On the Vigil of Easter and of Pentecost, and thereafter through the following Saturday inclusive, here is inserted:

and we offer it to thee on behalf also of those whom thou hast been pleased to regenerate by water and the Holy Ghost, granting unto them remission of all their sins:

And do thou order our days in thy peace, and command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Which oblation, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, in all things to make blessed, appointed, ratified, reasonable and acceptable, that unto us it may be the Body and Blood of thy most dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the next day afore he suffered, took bread into his holy and reverent hands, and his eyes being lifted into heaven unto thee, God almighty his Father, rendering thanks unto thee, he blessed, he brake, and gave unto his disciples, saying: Take and eat this, ye all. For this is my body.

Likewise after they had supped, he taking this excellent Cup into his holy and reverent hands, rendering thanks also unto thee, blessed, and gave unto his disciples, saying, Take and drink of this, ye all.

For this is the cup of my blood of the new and everlasting testament: the mystery of faith: which for you and for many shall be shed to the remission of sins. As oft as ye do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord, we also, thy servants, and thy holy people, being mindful as well of the blessed passion and resurrection, as of the glorious ascension of the same Christ thy Son, our Lord God, do offer unto thy excellent Majesty of thy own rewards and gifts, a pure host, a holy host, an undefiled host, the holy bread of eternal life, and the cup of eternal salvation.

Vouchsafe thou also, with a merciful and pleasant countenance, to have respect hereunto: and to accept the same, as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy righteous servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and the holy sacrifice, the undefiled host, that the high priest Melchisedek did offer unto thee.

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We humbly beseech thee, O Almighty God, command thou these to be brought by the hand of thy holy Angel unto thy high Altar in the presence of thy Divine Majesty, that as many of us as of this partaking of the Altar shall receive thy Son's holy Body and Blood may be replenished with all heavenly ✠ benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remember, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, *N.* and *N.* which are gone before us with the mark of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Unto us sinners also, thy servants, hoping of the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to give some portion and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy Saints: within whose fellowship we beseech thee to admit us, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, all these good things thou dost ever create, thou sanctifiest, thou quickenest, thou blessest, and givest unto us.

Through him, and with him, and in him, is unto thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory. World without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine example, we are bold to say:

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The Eucharistic Canon of 1549

The following is an adaptation of the Eucharistic prayer of the First English Book of Common Prayer of Edward VI, compiled by Thomas Cranmer.

If this prayer is used, the Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church is omitted earlier.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is be that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Specially we beseech thee to save and defend this our country; and grant to [the President of the United States, and] all [others] in civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of God's true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, [to *N.*, our chief Bishop, to *N.*, our own Bishop, and] to all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments:

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy

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Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And especially we commend unto thy merciful goodness [*N.*, and *N.*, and] this congregation which is here assembled in thy Name, to celebrate the Commemoration of the most glorious death of thy Son.

And here we do give unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks *for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy Saints, from the beginning of the world: And chiefly in the glorious and most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God,* and in the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs whose examples, O Lord, and steadfastness in thy faith, and keeping thy holy commandments, grant us to follow.

We commend unto thy mercy, O Lord, all other thy servants, which are departed hence from us, with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace.

Grant unto them, we beseech thee, thy mercy, and everlasting peace, and that, at the day of the general resurrection, we and all thy servants which be of the mystical body of thy Son, may altogether be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come unto me, O ye that be blessed of my Father, and possess the kingdom, which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the

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cross for our redemption, who made there, by his one oblation of himself, once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to celebrate a Perpetual Memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we beseech thee: and with thy Holy Spirit and Word vouchsafe, to bless and sanctify these thy gifts, and creatures of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ:

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread, and when he had blessed and given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper, he took the Cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this, for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; do this as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the Institution of thy dearly beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, the Memorial which thy Son hath willed us to make, having in remembrance his blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection and glorious Ascension,

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rendering unto thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same:

Entirely desiring thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving: most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his Passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee: humbly beseeching thee, that whosoever shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be ✠ filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with thy Son Jesus Christ, that he may dwell in them, and they in him.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice: Yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, and command these our prayers and supplications, by the ministry of thy holy Angels, to be brought up into thy holy Tabernacle before the sight of thy divine Majesty; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost: all honor and glory, be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray: As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

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The Creed of Saint Athanasius

The following creed, which is thought to have been written by the disciples of Saint Athanasius of Alexandria, is a response to the Fourth Century heresy of Arianism (the denial of the full divinity of Jesus). It seeks to give a fuller expression of the relation among the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity; its use, therefore, is especially appropriate on Trinity Sunday.

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.
Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.
And the Catholic Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.
For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.
The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate.
The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.
The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal.
And yet they are not three eternals, but one eternal.

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As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.
So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.
And yet they are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God.
And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord.
And yet not three Lords, but one Lord.
For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both God and Lord,
So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion, to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.
The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.
The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.
The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.
So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.
And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other; none is greater, or less than another;
But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal.
So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.
He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;
God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;
Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;
Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.
Who although he be God and Man, yet he is not two, but one Christ;
One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the manhood into God;
One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.
For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;
Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works.
And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.
This is the Catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

If desired, the Gloria Patri may be said here.

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The Solemn Reception of a Bishop

This rite emphasizes the role of the Bishop as a chief Pastor of the Church. He leads the people in humble reverence before the Crucified Savior (the kissing of the crucifix); he reminds them of their baptism (the aspersion with blessed water); and he holds before them our common vocation to holiness (the blessing of incense and of the people). The emphasis in this rite is on the Bishop as a good shepherd in the following of the Good Shepherd, who leads his flock to the place where they should go.

The Bishop may be met at the entrance to the Church where he kneels down to pray. He may be presented with a crucifix, holy water, and incense in the customary manner. A procession is then made toward the altar. The choir sings the canticle, Benedictus Dominus Deus, page 46, with the following antiphon.

Antiphon *Sacerdos et Pontifex*

O priest and bishop, thou worker of all virtues, good shepherd of thy people, pray for us unto the Lord. (Alleluia.)

The following may also be sung, if desired.

Responsory *Ecce Sacerdos magnus*

Behold, a great High Priest, who in his days was pleasing unto God. Therefore with an oath the Lord hath made him to increase among his people.
V. He hath given unto him the blessing of all nations: and hath confirmed his covenant upon his own head.
R. Therefore with an oath...
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
R. Therefore with an oath...

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Stations of the Cross

The practice of pilgrims to the Holy Land following the Way of Sorrows from the house of Pilate to the Holy Sepulchre was the origin of this devotion, which became widespread in the later Middle Ages, although it was not completely formalized until the eighteenth century. This is a popular and appropriate devotion during Lent and Holy Week. Eight of the stations are based directly upon events recorded in the Gospels. The remaining six (stations III, IV, VI, VII, IX, and XIII) are based upon inferences from the Gospels or upon pious legend, and may be omitted if desired.

Preparation

✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. God forbid that I should glory:
R. **Save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Let us pray.

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Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Stanzas of the hymn, Stabat Mater, may be sung before each station.

At the Cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful mother weeping,
Where he hung, the dying Lord.

For her soul of joy bereaved,
Bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
Felt the sharp and piercing sword.

I. Jesus is Condemned to Death

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

And straightaway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then delivered he him unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus and led him away.

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V. God spared not his own Son:
R. **But delivered him up for us all.**

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing,
Pierced by anguish so amazing,
Born of woman, would not weep?

II. Jesus Takes up His Cross

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha. Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

V. The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all:
R. **For the transgression of his people was he stricken.**

Let us pray.

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Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Who, on Christ's dear mother thinking
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep?

III. Jesus Falls the First Time

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

Christ Jesus, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

V. Surely he hath borne our griefs:
R. **And carried our sorrows.**

Let us pray.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and

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protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For his people's sins chastised,
She beheld her Son despised,
Scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined.

IV. Jesus Meets His Mother

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

What shall I testify unto thee? What shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? For thy ruin is deep as the sea: who can heal thee? Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. The Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

V. A sword shall pierce through thine own soul also:
R. **That the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saw him then from judgment taken,
And in death by all forsaken,
Till his spirit he resigned.

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V. The Cross is Laid upon Simon of Cyrene

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

V. Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me:
R. **Cannot be my disciple.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did overcome death for our salvation: Mercifully grant that we who have his glorious passion in remembrance may take up our cross daily and follow him; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus, may her deep devotion
Stir in me the same emotion,
Fount of love, Redeemer kind.

VI. A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

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He hath no form or comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

V. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts:
R. **Show us the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.**

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thine only begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us thy servants, that in faith beholding the light of his countenance, we may be strengthened to bear the cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

That my heart fresh ardor gaining,
And a purer love attaining,
May with thee acceptance find.

VII. Jesus Falls the Second Time

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

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Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: for the transgression of his people was he stricken.

V. But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
R. **A very scorn of men, and the outcast of my people.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

True repentance, Jesus, win me:
Savior print thy wounds within me.
Brand them on my stubborn heart.

As thou bought'st, through tribulation,
In thy passion, my salvation,
Let me bear therein my part.

VIII. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

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And there followed him a great company of people, and of women which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children."

V. They that sow in tears:
R. **Shall reap in joy.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let me mourn, O Lord, beside thee
For the sins which crucified thee,
While my life remains in me.

IX. Jesus Falls the Third Time

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

O my people, what have I done unto thee, or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me. Because I brought thee forth from the land of Egypt, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior. Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding

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good, thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior. What more could I have done unto thee that I have not done?

V. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter:
R. **And like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth.**

Let us pray.

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Take beneath the cross my station.
And in all thy desolation
so unite myself with thee.

X. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, "They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots."

V. They gave me gall to eat:
R. **And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.**

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Let us pray.

O Lord God, whose blessed Son, our Savior, gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus, great beyond all other,
Turn not from me, heav'nly brother,
Let me too bewail thy pain.

XI. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him. And with him they crucified two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, "And he was numbered with the transgressors." O my people, what have I done unto thee? I did raise thee on high with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.

V. I, if I be lifted up:
R. **Will draw all men unto me.**

Let us pray.

O God, who by the passion of thy blessed Son hast made the instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life and peace: Grant us so to glory in the Cross of Christ, that we

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may gladly suffer shame and loss; for the sake of the same thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Let my soul, thy death declaring,
Thy unsparing passion sharing,
Count thy bruises one by one.

XII. Jesus Dies on the Cross

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, "Woman, behold thy son!" Then saith he to the disciple, "Behold thy mother!" When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished." And when he had cried with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

All kneel. Then may be said the Our Father and the Hail Mary silently, after which all rise.

V. Christ for our sake became obedient unto death:
R. **Even the death of the Cross.**

Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the

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joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let thy stripes and scourging smite me;
At thy holy Cross requite me,
Let thy blood refresh me there.

XIII. The Body of Jesus is Placed in the Arms of His Mother

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

All ye that pass by, behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. Mine eyes do fail with tears, my soul is troubled; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. Call me not Naomi (which is Pleasant), call me Mara (which is Bitter); for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

V. Her tears are on her cheeks:
R. **She hath none to comfort her.**

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O how sad and sore distressed
Now was she, that mother blessed
Of the sole-begotten One.

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XIV. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
R. **Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.**

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple; he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

V. Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell:
R. **Neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.**

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affection we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deep the woe of her affliction,
When she saw the crucifixion
Of her everglorious Son.

Here may be said the Apostles' Creed, page 49.

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V. O Savior of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us
R. **Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.**

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

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Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

This brief service of adoration of our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament provides the faithful with an opportunity to worship Him as He extends His risen and glorified life in heaven to be present sacramentally with His people on earth. It had its origin in the heightened devotion of the faithful to the Presence of Christ in the Eucharistic Gifts and in the practice of concluding extraliturgical devotions by blessing the faithful with some sacred object connected with the devotion, such as a crucifix, a relic of a saint, or the Consecrated Bread of the Eucharist. Benediction may be given using a monstrance or a ciborium. Because the only divinely-ordained purpose of the Sacraments is "that we should duly use them," Benediction cannot under any circumstances be considered a substitute for attendance at the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion; it is, rather, a supplemental aid in our devotion to Jesus.

All kneeling, the blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance is exposed; then the following hymn is sung.

O Saving Victim opening wide
    The Gate of Heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side,
    Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to Thee ascend
    For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
    In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

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Here may follow this hymn or other devotion.

Therefore we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Priest Thou gavest them Bread from heaven. (Alleluia.)
People **Containing in itself all sweetness. (Alleluia.)**

Priest Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

The Priest then goes to the altar and with the Monstrance makes the sign of the Cross over the people as the thurifer censes the Blessed Sacrament and the server rings the bell. The people may make the sign of the Cross and bow in fervent adoration, saying silently

Blessed, praised and adored be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament.

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The Monstrance is placed on the Altar and the Divine Praises are said by the Priest, the people repeating them after him, all kneeling. At the Celebrant's discretion, additional Praises may be added.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

The Blessed Sacrament is replaced in the Tabernacle, the People stand, and Psalm 117, with this antiphon, is sung or said.

Antiphon: Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament. (Alleluia.)

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; * praise him, all ye peoples.
For His merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us; *
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen. (*Repeat Antiphon*).

Here a hymn may be sung.

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Tenebrae

The Evening Service for Wednesday of Holy Week

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "darkness," and is the popular name for the special forms of the offices of Mattins and Lauds appointed for the last three days in Holy Week. Because it is now a nearly universal practice to hold the liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in the evening, it has become customary, in some places, to offer Tenebrae in the evening on Holy Wednesday, at times drawing elements from Tenebrae of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Perhaps the most striking feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of the candles until only one is left, which is then concealed for a time until a loud noise is made (signifying the earthquake at the time of the Resurrection), whereupon the hidden candle is restored to its place in anticipation of the Resurrection. The congregation then departs in silence.

After the procession to the choir, all kneel and pray silently. Then all stand and say in silence Our Father, Hail Mary, *and the* Apostles' Creed. *The Cantor then intones the first antiphon, which is continued by the Choir. All sit when the Cantor begins intoning the first Psalm.*

Nocturn I

Antiphon: (*Zelus domus*) The zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

Psalm 69 (*Salvum me fac, page 522*) *The Antiphon is repeated.*

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Antiphon: (*Avertantur retrorsum*) Let them be turned backward and put to confusion, that wish me evil.

Psalm 70 (*Deus, in adjutorium, page 525*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: (*Deus meus*) Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly.

Psalm 71 (*In te, Domine, speravi, page 525*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Then all stand and say Our Father *silently. All sit when the Reader goes to the lectern and says*

Here beginneth the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.

Lesson I. *1:1-5*

V. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.
R. On the mount of Olives he prayed to the Father: Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: * The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
V. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Lesson II. *1:6-9*

V. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.
R. My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with me: now shall ye see the multitude which shall come about me: * Ye shall flee, and I go to be offered up for you.

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V. Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Ye shall flee, and I go to be offered up for you.

Lesson III. *1:10-14*

V. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.
R. Lo, we have seen him without form or comeliness; his look is gone from him: he hath borne our sins and mourneth for us: but he was wounded for our transgressions, * with his stripes we are healed.
V. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. With his stripes we are healed.
R. Lo, we have seen him without form or comeliness; his look is gone from him: he hath borne our sins and mourneth for us: but he was wounded for our transgressions, with his stripes we are healed.

Nocturn II

Antiphon: He shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

Psalm 72 (*Deus, judicium, page 527*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy: their talking is against the Most High.

Psalm 73 (*Quam bonus Israel, page 529*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

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Antiphon: Arise O God: maintain my cause.

Psalm 74 (*Ut quid, Deus, page 531*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

V. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly.
R. Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

Then all stand and say Our Father *silently. All sit as the Reader goes to the lectern and says*

From the Treatise of Saint Augustine the Bishop, on the Psalms

Lesson IV. *On Psalm 55:1*

"Hear my prayer, O God: and hide not thyself from my petition. Take heed unto me, and hear me." These are the words of one disquieted, in trouble and anxiety. He prays under much suffering, desiring to be released from evil. Let us now see under what evil he lies: and when he begins to speak, let us place ourselves by him: that, sharing his tribulation, we may join in his prayer. I mourn, saith he, in my prayer, and am vexed. When does he mourn? When is he vexed? He says: in my prayer. He speaks of the evil men whom he suffers: and that sufferance of evil men he calls his complaint. Think not that the evil are in the world to no avail, or that God makes no use of them. Every wicked man lives either that he may be corrected himself: or that the righteous may be exercised by him.

Respond: Mine own familiar friend hath betrayed me with a kiss: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast. This wicked sign he gave: who with a kiss brought

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about my death. * Unhappy man, he threw down the price of blood: and in the end hanged himself.

V. It had been good for that man if he had not been born. Unhappy man, he threw down the price of blood: and in the end hanged himself.

Lesson V.

Would that they who now try us were converted and tried with us: yet, though they continue to try us, let us not hate them: for we know not whether any of them will continue to the end in his evil ways. And mostly, when thou thinkest thyself to be hating thine enemy, thou hatest thy brother, and knowest it not. The devil and his angels are shown to us in Scripture as doomed to eternal fire. Their amendment alone is hopeless against whom we wage a secret strife: for which strife the Apostle arms us, saying; We wrestle not against flesh and blood: that is, not against men, whom we see, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world. Lest that by saying, the world, ye should think perhaps he says: Of the darkness of this world. He says, of the world, that is, the lovers of the world: Of the world, that is, the impious and wicked: Of the world, that is, of which the Gospel saith; And the world knew him not.

Respond: Judas, that most wicked traitor, betrayed the Lord with a kiss: he, like an innocent lamb, refused not the kiss of Judas: * For a few pence he hath delivered Christ to the Jews.

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V. It had been better for that man if he had not been born. For a few pence he hath delivered Christ to the Jews.

Lesson VI.

For I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city. See the glory of the Cross itself. Now on the brow of kings is placed that Cross, which enemies did deride. Effect hath proved strength: he hath subdued the world, not with steel, but with wood. The wood of the Cross seemed a worthy object of scorn to his enemies; and standing before that wood they wagged their heads, saying: If thou be the Son of God, come down from the Cross. He stretched forth his hands to an unbelieving and gainsaying people. If he is just who lives by faith he is unrighteous who has not faith. Therefore when he saith unrighteousness, understand that it is unbelief. The Lord then saw unrighteousness and strife in the city, and stretched out his hand to an unbelieving and gainsaying people; and yet, waiting for them, he saith; Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Respond: One of my disciples shall this day betray me: Woe unto that man by whom I shall be betrayed: * It had been better for that man if he had not been born.

V. He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same is he that shall betray me into the hands of sinners. It had been better for that man if he had not been born.

Respond: One of my disciples...

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Nocturn III

Antiphon: I said unto the fools: speak not with a stiff neck.

Psalm 75 (*Confitebimur tibi, page 532*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: The earth trembled and was still, when God arose to judgment.

Psalm 76 (*Notus in Judaea, page 533*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: In the time of my trouble: I sought the Lord.

Psalm 77 (*Voce mea ad Dominum, page 534*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

V. Arise, O God.
R. Maintain my cause.

Then all stand and say Our Father *silently. All sit as the Reader goes to the lectern and says*

From the First Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

Lesson VII. *11:17-22*

Respond: I was like a lamb that is innocent; I was brought to the slaughter, and I knew it not; mine enemies have taken counsel against me, saying: * Come, let us put wood into his bread; and let us root him out of the land of the living.

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V. All mine enemies have thought evil things against me: and have spoken against me, saying: Come, let us put wood into his bread: and let us root him out of the land of the living.

Lesson VIII. *11:23-26*

Respond: Could ye not watch with me one hour, who were ready to die for me? * Or see ye not Judas, how he sleepeth not, but hasteneth to deliver me up to the Jews?

V. Why sleep ye? Arise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Or see ye not Judas, how he sleepeth not, but hasteneth to deliver me up to the Jews?

Lesson IX. *11:27-34*

Respond: The elders of the people took counsel * How they might take Jesus by subtlety, and put him to death: they went out as against a thief, with swords and staves.

At Lauds

Antiphon: Mayest thou be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Psalm 51 (*Miserere mei, Deus, page 503*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.

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Psalm 90 (*Domine, refugium, page 554*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: My heart within me is broken: all my bones shake.

Psalm 36 (*Dixit injustus, page 484*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: Thou hast encouraged us in thy power, O Lord, and in thy holy refection.

Canticle: *Cantemus Domino* (*page 57*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

Antiphon: He was made an offering because he himself desired it: and himself bare our sins.

Psalm 147 (*Laudate Dominum, page 624*) *Repeat Antiphon.*

V. Mine own familiar friend whom I trusted.
R. Who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

All stand. During the singing of the following Canticle, all the candles upon the triangular stand having been put out (except the one placed at the top), the six candles upon the Altar are likewise extinguished one by one, so that at the last verse the last candle is put out. The lamps and other lights throughout the church, except those which burn before the Blessed Sacrament, are extinguished.

Antiphon: Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.

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Canticle: *Benedictus Dominus Deus (page 46) Repeat Antiphon.*

During the repetition of the Antiphon, the topmost candle is taken from the candelabrum and hidden from sight under the Epistle corner of the Altar or other place as prepared.

Then all kneel and the following is sung

Christ became obedient for us unto death [even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name].

Our Father *is then said in silence.*

Then Psalm 51, Misere mei, Deus, (page 503) may be said in a humble voice.

Then the officiant, still kneeling, says the Collect in a humble voice, without The Lord be with you *or* Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross. *He adds silently;* Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A noise is then made; the lighted candle is at once brought forth from the place where it was concealed; and all rise and depart in silence.

If a shorter form of the service is desired, Nocturns II and III may be omitted.

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Blessing of the Font

This traditional Blessing of the Font is appropriate for use at the Easter Vigil. Through the use of rich symbolism, it calls to mind the mighty saving acts which God accomplishes through the waters of Baptism, calling us to die with Christ and to be raised to new life in him.

An appropriate psalm or anthem may be sung as the ministers process to the font.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon the devout prayers of thy servants now seeking regeneration and desiring the fountain of thy water-brooks: and of thy goodness grant that they who thirst after thy faith may in this mystery of thy Holy Baptism obtain sanctification both of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O merciful God, grant that like as Christ died and rose again, so *all that are baptized* may die to sin and rise to newness of life. **Amen.**

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *them*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. **Amen.**

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Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. **Amen.**

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things: world without end. **Amen.**

	The Lord be with you.
People	**And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	**It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. For that thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

O God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the waters, when the earth was without form and void at its creation: that even then the nature of water might conceive the virtue of purging all defilement:

O God, who didst cover the earth with water, and wash away its wickedness, and didst show forth in the saving of eight souls

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by the same water, a figure of our regeneration: that by the mystery of this one element of water thou mightest make an end of sin, and give birth unto righteousness:

Behold with thy good pleasure the family of thy Church, and make the grace of thy regeneration to abound therein, for thou dost with the rivers of thy plenteous mercy make glad the city of thy redeemed: and openest unto us fountains of Baptism through the whole world for the healing of nations; that, at the word of thy majesty, the same may receive the grace of thine only Son, through the Holy Ghost.

Here the priest makes the sign of the cross, dividing the water.

May he by the secret operation of his power make this water fruitful unto the regeneration of man: that having received sanctification, and being born again without spot of defilement, the same may be found a new creature, that springeth from this womb of living water: that young and old, both men and women, who henceforth shall be baptized herein, may all become the children of grace and heirs of thy heavenly promises.

Speak the word, O Lord, and drive away speedily unclean spirits and all things that may hurt us: banish from us by thy Name all the snares and assaults of the devil. And may our ghostly enemy have no power at all to encompass us: to deceive our hearts by his subtility: to waylay us in secret, and spread abroad the leaven of malice.

Be this an holy and undefiled creation, and such that the son of wickedness may not approach it, nor the stain of iniquity come near to defile it. Be it a fountain that doth regenerate, a stream that doth purify: may all they that by this means shall be dedicated before thee by the operation of the Holy Ghost,

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receive the grace of redemption and remission of their offenses. Wherefore I do hallow thee, O creature of water, by God that liveth, by God the faithful, by God, the Holy: by God, who in the beginning by his Word divided the land from thee: and whose Spirit moved upon thy face.

Here the priest divides the water with his hand and scatters it towards the four corners of the earth.

Who did ordain that thou shouldst issue out of Eden, and be parted from thence into four heads, flowing therefrom into all the earth. Likewise in the desert of Marah he did turn thy bitterness into sweetness, and made thee to come forth out of the rock for his people.

In the Name of his only Son our Savior Jesus Christ do I hallow thee, O creature water: for he did change thee into wine as a wondrous sign of his Omnipotence, when he was bidden to the wedding at Cana.

Who walked upon thee with his feet to come to his disciples: and was baptized in thee in Jordan by John his minister.

Who moreover did mingle thee with Blood from his side at his Passion: and commanded his disciples that such as believed should be in thee baptized.

Almighty God, mercifully assist our prayers, who here observe what thou hast commanded: and of thy great goodness breathe thy Breath upon us.

Here the priest breaths on the water three times in the form of a cross.

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Hallow by the Word of thy mouth and of thy power the weakness of this water: that like as by nature it doeth service unto the purifying of the body, so by thy grace it may effectually cleanse our souls.

Here the priest lowers the Paschal Candle into the water three times while singing the following. Then, breathing on the water, he proceeds.

May the power of the Holy Ghost be poured out on this Font which we have filled.

And make the whole substance of this water effectual unto the washing of regeneration.

The candle is taken out of the water.

May every stain of our iniquity here be cleansed: may our nature be restored to its perfect fashioning, and be conformed again to thine own image of righteousness; may it be redeemed from the old sins of its conversation: that every person, being born again by the Sacrament he hath here received, may be restored verily unto the innocence of thy children.

Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, and the world by fire. **Amen.**

The priest then pours the Oil of Catechumens into the Font in the form of a cross.

May this Oil of salvation make this Font holy and fruitful, in such wise that those who find herein their new birth may come to life everlasting. **Amen.**

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In the form of a cross, he pours in the Chrism.

May this mingling of the Chrism of Jesus Christ our Lord, and of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete, be wrought in the Name of the Most Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

In the form of a cross, he pours in both together, saying

May this commingling of the Chrism of salvation and of the Oil of unction and of the Water of Baptism likewise be wrought in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Then he mingles the Oil and Water, and scatters it over the Font with his hand.

Regard, we beseech thee, the supplications of thy congregation: sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; [and grant that *these thy Servants*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fullness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children:] through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and evermore. **Amen.**

The service then continues with Baptism or the Renewal of Baptismal vows, on page 208.

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Concerning Marian Devotion

Popular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is an affirmation of the inseparable union between our Lord's true humanity and his full divinity. The Church teaches that he who was incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary is a union of divine and human natures in one divine Person. That being the case, it is appropriate to call His Mother *Theotokos* (accurately rendered as "Birth-giver of God," but more usually translated as "Mother of God"). Indeed, the Nestorian controversy during the fifth century was ignited by the condemnation by the heretical Bishop of Constantinople of the use of the term *Theotokos*. Every orthodox doctrine about Mary is Christological, continuing the pattern of the Wedding Feast at Cana, where she says to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Because of her faith in the works of God, all generations have indeed "called her Blessed." Mary is the model of humanity redeemed by Christ, and the principal type of the Church.

The councils of the undivided Church encourage the faithful to venerate and emulate the saints of the Christian family, and this is supremely true of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Adoration, however, is due only to the Holy Trinity and devotion to the saints is supplementary to the worship of the one, true, living God. It is an expression of the unity of the whole family of God in Heaven and on earth. At the heart of all Marian devotion is the simple request for the prayers of our Mother in Christ - one who is held by the common tradition of the Church to be "higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim," yet still a creature, and subordinate to God the creator.

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The Angelus

In many churches the bell is rung morning, noon, and evening in memory of the Incarnation of God, and the faithful say the following prayers, except during Eastertide, when the Regina coeli is said.

V. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,
R. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
R. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,**
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail, Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ (announced) by the message of an angel (to the Virgin Mary), so by his ✠ cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Regina coeli

During Eastertide, until First Vespers of Trinity Sunday

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia;
Because he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia,
Hath arisen, as he promised, alleluia:
Pray for us to the Father, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

An alternative version of the "Hail Mary" is as follows

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
R. **Son of Mary, son of the Living God,**
have mercy upon us, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Anthems of the Blessed Virgin

Alma Redemptoris Mater

From Advent to the Feast of the Presentation

Gracious Mother of our Redeemer, for ever abiding Heaven's gateway, and star of ocean, O succor the people, who, though falling, strive to rise again. Thou Maiden who barest thy holy Creator, to the wonder of all nature; ever Virgin, after, as before thou receivedst that Ave from the mouth of Gabriel; have compassion on us sinners.

In Advent

V. The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.
R. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Let us pray: We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ (announced) by the message of an angel (to the Virgin Mary), so by his ✠ cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From First Vespers of the Nativity

V. After Childbearing, O Virgin, thou didst remain inviolate.
R. **Intercede for us, O Mother of God.**

Let us pray: O God, who by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary hast bestowed upon mankind the reward of eternal salvation: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may know the help of her intercession through whom we have been accounted worthy to receive the Author of our life, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

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Ave Regina coelorum

From Candlemas to Maundy Thursday

Queen of the heavens, we hail thee,
Hail thee, Lady of all the Angels;
Thou the dawn, the door of morning
Whence the world's true Light is risen:
Joy to thee, O Virgin glorious,
Beautiful beyond all other;
Hail and farewell, O most gracious,
Intercede for us alway to Jesus.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O holy Virgin.
R. **Give me strength against thine enemies.**

Let us pray: Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness: that we who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God may, through the aid of her intercession, rise again from our sins. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Regina coeli is found on page 729.

Salve Regina

From First Vespers of Trinity Sunday to Advent

Mary, we hail thee, Mother and Queen compassionate; Mary, our comfort, life and hope, we hail thee. To thee we exiles, children of Eve, lift our crying. To thee we are sighing, as mournful and weeping, we pass through this vale of sorrow. Turn thou therefore, O our intercessor, those thine eyes of pity and loving-kindness upon us sinners. Hereafter, when our earthly exile shall be ended, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb. O gentle, O tender, O gracious Virgin Mary.

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or the following

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary to become a habitation meet for thy Son: Grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration, we may be delivered by her loving intercession from our present evils and from eternal death. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Form for the Blessing with Water from the Holy Well of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Priest begins

(Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:) Come unto me all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

The People repeat the following after the Priest

Lord, be merciful unto me, a sinner.
Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.
Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us.
Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us.

The Priest then says

Almighty God, who didst send thy holy Angel unto the pool of Bethesda, that at the moving of the waters he who stepped in was healed of whatever infirmities afflicted him, hear our prayers and the prayers of our blessed Lady, and be pleased to stretch out thy hand, and according to thy holy will grant restoration of health and the fulfillment of the good desires of all those who are about to be blessed with this water. **Amen.**

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As each person is blessed, the Priest says

May it please Almighty God of his great goodness, and at the intercession of our blessed Lady, to grant thee health and peace, according to his holy will, and fulfill all thy good desires for his honor and glory. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee now and always. **Amen.**

After all have been blessed, the following is said

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
R. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may rejoice in perpetual health of mind and body, and at the glorious intercession of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sadness and attain to eternal joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And with thy spirit.**
V. Let us bless the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

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